

Dear Madames/Sirs,

We would like to thank all the reviewers for their helpful comments and suggestions when reviewing our manuscript entitled “Extensive laryngeal infiltration from a neglected papillary thyroid carcinoma: a case report”. (Reviewer codes 00503786, 02568252, 03592346 and 00505453)

Response to reviewers

- To Reviewer 02568252: We believe the described case in our manuscript can serve as an example for health care professionals and even patients not to ignore a common condition, such as a thyroid nodule, as the outcome could be devastating for both the patient and their families. In terms of the well-defined treatment algorithm the reviewer refers to, we would like to ask the reviewer what will happen if one of his/her patients refuses treatment, as seen in this case, as we are not familiar with any management plan for patients who do not want to continue/initiate treatment due to social, religious or physical reasons. Finally, in this manuscript we report what happened to this particular patient, without commenting on the effectiveness of our management in the long-term. We acknowledge that 11-13 months post op is not enough for a treatment plan to be deemed as effective, but we report that our patient was without recurrence after his treatment when we followed him up to 13 months (the patient was seen in April 2016, after the initial submission of our manuscript, which we updated in the revision).
- To Reviewer 00505453: Thank you for your kind comments.
- To Reviewer 00503786: Thank you for your suggestions and comments, we considered and acted upon all of your recommendations. We had considered histology ourselves, but due to the length of the manuscript and prior authors presenting similar histopathological images of papillary carcinoma invading the aerodigestive tract (e.g. Jpn. J. Clin. Oncol. (2000) 30 (5): 235-238. doi: 10.1093/jjco/hyd053), we concluded that a histopathological figure will not add to the literature. This case focuses mostly on the extent of invasion in just 12 months

from a single nodule and the lack of guidance in patients who refuse treatment. Concerning your comment on the discussion to elaborate more on the social circumstances, this was addressed in detail in the previous paragraph and we feel that it would not be appropriate to repeat the same information.

- To Reviewer 03592346: Thank you for your comments and suggestions. We acknowledge that providing the full medical history and basic investigations for our patient is important; but at the same time it would add some unnecessary information that would most likely deter the reader from continuing reading the article. In our discussion we added our recommendations as suggested by your comments.

Yours sincerely,

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