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<b>Language quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<b>Re-review</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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## **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Dear editor and authors, The authors reported their experience in the diagnosis and management strategies of a very rare case of multiple paragangliomas of the heart and bilateral carotid artery without hypertension. The authors gave a clear description of the case and made a fair review of the topic. However, please proofread your whole manuscript. There are still typographical and spelling mistakes. For instance, in DISCUSSION section, second last paragraph: Based on this patient's history, physical examination, laboratory data and radiology findings... "examination" "radiological" Please replace the signed informed consent with another one specifying the patient's will to publish his relative information in a medical journal. Please incorporate and explain the difference between paraganglioma and pheochromocytoma. Both originate from chromaffin cells. To my knowledge, most cases of this category are benign in nature, with only approximately 10% of cases being malignant. Malignant cases account for 10-20% of all cases, grow slowly, and can metastasize to distant organs. Remine WH, Chong GC, Van Heerden JA, Sheps SG, Harrison EG Jr. Current management of pheochromocytoma. *Ann Surg* 1974;179:740-8. Yamaguchi S, Hida K, Nakamura N, Seki T, Iwasaki Y. Multiple vertebral metastases from malignant cardiac pheochromocytoma. *Neurol Med Chir (Tokyo)* 2003;43:352-5. In your specific case, initial frozen section showed malignant, final pathological diagnosis showed a low Ki67 expression which is compatible with benign. In DISCUSSION, you described that in 2017, the updated WHO classification of endocrine tumors replaced the term "malignant paraganglioma" with "metastatic paraganglioma". Please clarify the "benign", "malignant", and "metastatic" confusion. The concept is so confused to the readers. Finally, did you do a whole body survey to exclude distant metastasis and why?

## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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The authors responded in a manner to polish the article further properly according to my previous comments. I have no additional comments and would like to recommend publication.