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Re: "Unexpected metastasis of intraductal papillary neoplasm of the bile duct without an invasive component to the brain and lungs: a case report." by Nguyen Hai Nam et al.

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Dear Editors and Reviewer,

We are most grateful to the Editors and the Reviewer for providing helpful comments regarding our manuscript. We have taken all of these comments into account and hereby submit a revised manuscript with the changes underlined.

We responded to all of the comments as indicated below, and we hope that our explanations and revisions will be deemed satisfactory.

Comment: It is a well written article, explaining a rare association and occurrence of insitu (IPNB) and distant metastases. there are a few grammatical mistakes, that have been highlighted.

Response:

We are thankful for your kind correction. We have edited the manuscript in following your instructions. The grammatical mistakes have been corrected and highlighted in yellow.

Comment: I have suggested to explose skip metastases and insitu / invasive cancer, if pertinent add to the discussion.

Response:

We are thankful for your valuable suggestion. We have edited the manuscript in following your instructions. The adjustment part has been added and highlighted in yellow:

“Another situation that could have happened is that a skip lesion escaping from our observation metastasized to the lungs and brain. However, this scenario also appears unlikely as the skip lesion should have developed unobstrusively in small dimension enough to escape from our observation and should have rarely metastasized.” (line 28 page 14 to line 2 page 15).

Sincerely,

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