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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Thank you for reporting rare case. I have some questions about your study. 1. This manuscript does not indicate the exact gauge needles the patient used. What gauge was used for this patient? 2. Do you have an external photo or ultrasonogram of the subcutaneous mass? 3. Have you ever thought about the possibility of drop metastasis during surgery other than NTS? It would be nice if there was an explanation for this. 4. "Earlier diagnosis of NTS based on serum biomarkers or genetic characteristic might improve the survival in PTC patients with NTS." This phrase of conclusion seems to need correction.

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I have read with great interest the manuscript entitled "Needle tract seeding of papillary thyroid carcinoma after fine-needle capillary biopsy: a case report". In this manuscript the authors describe a case of PTC needle tract seeding following FNCB. Comments – 1. In your discussion please elaborate on the differences between FNAB and FNCB. What was the needle size that was used? Do you use FNCB routinely as opposed to FNAB that is more commonly used? 2. Text – you use Tg-Ab levels as follow up. What were the Tg levels? 3. This is a poorly written manuscript with numerous English errors. English style needs major revisions throughout.

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1. I believe studies on needle tract seeding compile both techniques (aspiration vs capillary) as one and do not differentiate when looking at the incidence of seeding. 2. How do the authors know this was a FNCB not a FNAB? Was it documented in the patient's notes? 3. The article needs significant improvement of the language and grammar. There are also multiple spelling errors. 4. All abbreviations require the full name the first time it is used eg TSH, Tg-Ab. 5. If the FNCB was 4 years ago, how did the authors know it the seeding was at the same location as the puncture needle path? (line 115 - 116). Could this have been seeding along a previous drain site from the initial surgery? 6. Figure 1 are presumably the ultrasound images from the initial diagnosis of thyroid cancer. They are not congruent with the main topic of the article which is the local recurrence at the needle tract site. Also, the images are from 6 / 7 years ago, not 4 years as described by the paper. 7. Trend of TgAb could be related to pregnancy as it is known to decrease during pregnancy with a rise at post-partum.

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Minor language corrections 1. Pg 5 Line 12 extra-thyroidal 2. Pg 5 Line 12 lymph nodes 3. Pg 5 Line 21 transverse surgical scar... was 4. Pg 6 Line 2 months 5. Pg 8 Line 21 Did you mean "offers a favorable prognosis" instead of comparable?



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