

## Response to Reviewers' Comments

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### Reviewer #1

The MS entitled "Spontaneous rupture of hepatic metastasis from a thymoma: A case report" provides a rare case of patient with spontaneous rupture of hepatic metastasis from a thymoma. The idea itself is conceptually sound, however, more explanation is needed to help readers understanding.

1. The involved anatomy in Figure 1 and Figure 3 should be indicated by professional name.

**Response) Thank you for your keen observation. We made a correction.**

2. Better to separate two panels in Figure 2.

**Response) We agree. We have made the adjustment in Figure 2 according to your suggestion.**

3. Hard to see the fibroblast-like spindle cells in Figure 2B and Figure 5. High magnification of these imaging is required.

**Response) Thank you for your kind advice. We changed pathology pictures in figure 2B and figure 5 to see the oval to spindle shaped cells**

4. The legend of Figure 4 demands more detailed explanation.

**Response) We agree with your opinion. We have provided more detailed explanation in Figure 4.**

5. The author should rewrite discussion part and discuss a little more of therapeutic strategies  
**Response) Thank you again for your valuable suggestion. We have added more information on therapeutic strategies to enhance readers' understanding as follows:**

There are different treatment options for patients presenting with hepatic rupture. These treatment options vary from conservative management to more invasive procedures, such as hepatectomy and transarterial embolization (TAE). A previous study compared different treatment options for hepatic rupture and concluded that the survival rate is better with hepatectomy than with TAE

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## **Reviewer #2**

Its a nicely written report of a case of Spontaneous rupture of hepatic metastasis from a thymoma and can be published,being of rare occurrence. A minor correction is required, please give full forms of tumor markers AFP and PIVKA-II, mentioned in your case report

**Response) Thank you very much for your comment. We have made the correction and provided full forms of tumor markers AFP and PIVKA-II in the manuscript**