

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