

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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**Provenance and peer review:** Unsolicited Manuscript; Externally peer reviewed

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**Professional title:** Doctor, Full Professor

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Language quality	<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
Conclusion	<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
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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The case report is interesting as HCC metastasis in thyroid after resection is never reported. Language correction is needed. References are not uniform, should be corrected.

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

The Authors report a case of liver cancer metastasis to the thyroid gland 3 years after partial hepatectomy. Hepatocellular carcinoma metastatic to the thyroid gland is particularly rare. I have some questions to the Authors: 1. what does it mean that the TSH was positive? was the patient euthyroid or not? 2. were the enlarged lymph nodes on the left neck of the central compartment or latero-cervical? why were they not subjected to fine needle aspiration biopsy? Why did the Authors perform a hemithyroidectomy instead of a total thyroidectomy, in consideration that Hashimoto's thyroiditis was associated?

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

1. Please delete the topic of "literature review", because you did not show us the results or table about the systemic review. 2. Please add information from the CT-PET study concerning the liver at the time of metastasis thyroid tumor. 3. Table 1 could be deleted and their contents can be added to the course of case present illness. 4. The format of reference according to the requirement of the journal. 5. Please enrich the contents of the "abstract" where possible.

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The authors report a case of HCC metastases in the thyroid after three years resection of the primary tumor in the liver. The manuscript is clear and the main features are properly described. The initial diagnosis (HCC metastasis) should be further explained, is just based on the assumption that the primary tumor was in the liver?