

Title: Solitary thyroid gland metastasis from rectum cancer: A case report and review of literature

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Response to Reviewers' comments

Dear Editor,

We thank you for your careful consideration of our manuscript. We appreciate your response and overall positive initial feedback and made modifications to improve the manuscript. After carefully reviewing the comments made by the Reviewers, we have modified the manuscript to improve the presentation of our results and their discussion, therefore providing a complete context for the research that may be of interest to your readers.

We hope that you will find the revised paper suitable for publication, and we look forward to contributing to your journal. Please do not hesitate to contact us with other questions or concerns regarding the manuscript.

Best regards,

Reviewers

Comment 1: *Thank you for the possibility to review the manuscript titled: “Solitary thyroid gland metastasis from rectum cancer: A case report and review of literature”. The manuscript is interesting and easy to read. The case is indeed interesting and there are only incidental findings of metastasis to the thyroid gland. There are only minor comments: -Please discuss why metastasis to the thyroid gland are rarely encountered (absent of screening, small gland compared to other organs etc.) -Table 2 is hard to comprehend. Perhaps it is better to present it as a supplemental table as it is large. Please take into account the recommendations in the spirit of improving the quality of the submission.*

Response: We thank the Reviewer for the comment. We added the discussion about why metastasis to the thyroid are rarely encountered in page 7 lines 5-12. We presented Table 2 as a supplemental table.

Comment 2: *The authors should mention the following: 1) This patient did not receive postoperative adjuvant chemotherapy after surgery for rectal cancer (T3N1M0 (stage IIIB)). Was this because the patient did not want chemotherapy or because the attending physician decided it was unnecessary? (2) This patient was treated with capecitabine alone after distant metastasis to the thyroid gland (stage IV) was found. However, the patient subsequently developed needle track seeding and lung metastasis. Was the choice of chemotherapy after thyroid surgery appropriate?*

Response: We thank the Reviewer for the comment. This patient did not receive postoperative adjuvant chemotherapy after surgery for rectal cancer (T3N1M0) (stage IIIB). This was because the patient did not want chemotherapy.

The choice of chemotherapy after thyroid surgery maybe not appropriate. However, this is the first case we have encountered in clinical work and we have no experience in the selection of chemotherapy. What's more, the patient was also resistance to chemotherapy with intravenous medication, such as oxaliplatin.

Editor

Comment 1: *I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Clinical Cases, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor. In order to respect and protect the author's intellectual property rights and prevent others from misappropriating figures without the author's authorization or abusing figures without indicating the source, we will indicate the author's copyright for figures originally generated by the author, and if the author has used a figure published elsewhere or that is copyrighted, the author needs to be authorized by the previous publisher or the copyright holder and/or indicate the reference source and copyrights. Please check and confirm whether the figures are original (i.e. generated de novo by the author(s) for this paper). If the picture is 'original', the author needs to add the following copyright information to the bottom right-hand side of the picture in PowerPoint (PPT): Copyright ©The Author(s) 2023. Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s).*

Response: We revised the manuscript according to the Peer-Review Report. We provided the original figures using PowerPoint. We uploaded the approved grant application form.