Reviewer's report

Title: Small invasive colon cancer with severe distant metastasis: A case report

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In this manuscript Minori Matsumoto and coworkers describes a case of cervical lymph node metastasis which was proven to originate from small colon cancer. The way they traced the primary site was very interesting. I recommend the authors to change the title of this manuscript. (severe metastasis is not a proper term.)

Please clarify whether the patient had aspiration cytology or biopsy of the cervical lymph node. (In the first paragraph of case presentation, "aspiration cytology" was performed, whereas in the second paragraph "biopsy specimen" was obtained.)

The tumor was 12mm in diameter, but had central depression and a severely thickened stalk, which suggested direct cancer invasion to the deep submucosa. The authors need to verify why they performed endoscopic submucosal resection rather than a biopsy.

I believe that the patient had upper endoscope. Even though the result was negative, it should be described.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.