Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence and types of thyroid malignancies among thyroid enlarged patients in Gondar, Northwest Ethiopia: a three years institution based retrospective study

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This article addresses a significant aspect of endocrinology. The authors attempt to document some clinical parameters of thyroid carcinomas as seen in their locale.

Major compulsory revisions:
1. The abstract is poorly written and the objective of the Report is poorly outlined.
2. The methodology lacks depth.
3. How was the thyroidal size determined and how were the dimensions of the goiters assessed?
4. How were the samples collected for cytology and did any of the reported cases undergo core biopsies? 5. Were samples obtained under ultrasound guidance?
6. What were the histological definitions of the types of malignancies?
7. Was there any report on status of thyroid function in these samples?
8. Statistical analyses should be rewritten for clarity. What were the references for the parameters assessed for Odds ratio?
9. Table 1 is not necessary and should be summarized in the text.
10. There are a lot of grammatical errors and limitations of the Report should be clearly documented.

Minor Essential Revisions: There are errors in the tables.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I have no competing interest.