Reviewer's report

Title: Paraganglioma of the urinary bladder: review of the contemporary literature

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Reviewer: Robert Svatek

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Dear colleagues,

I enjoyed reading your article regarding paragangliomas of the bladder. Please consider the following suggestions to improve the presentation of the data.

1. It is unclear why the start date for search criteria was chosen as 1980 especially since many of the articles on this subject were published before that date.
2. Generally, absence of on-line availability of an abstract is not an exclusion criteria for a literature review.
3. excluding 2 manuscripts because they were not case reports - what were these articles and why were they excluded?
4. The statement "Using strict review criteria," is subjective - consider removing from results section.
5. The statement "Metastatic recurrence was noted in nine patients (9.3%)." would imply that no patients presented with metastatic disease. Is that true?
6. There have been other review articles for paragangliomas in bladder that were not mentioned. Please consider including these manuscripts and commenting on why this review improves upon previous reports.
7. Would clarify in the introduction that paraganglioma is also known as pheo.
8. for all continuous variables in tables and manuscripts, please include range or interquartile range
9. table 1, consider incluidng the denominator for the variables.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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