Reviewer’s report

Title: Ectopic thyroid in an adrenal mass: A case report

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General
As a case report the manuscript has inherent limitations. Additionally, although ectopic thyroid tissue to the
adrenal is rare, it has been described in the literature.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be
reached)
Follow-up information needs to be provided. This will be essential in a case such as this as metastases
from the thyroid can have extremely bland cytologic features. Thus, substantial follow-up is needed to
ensure the patient does not have disease in the thyroid. Although the radiographic imaging did not show
disease in the thyroid, thyroid microcarcinomas can be difficult to identify and have been associated with
metastatic disease.
A H&E photomicrograph showing the thyroid follicles in relation to the adrenal parenchyma is needed.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author
can be trusted to correct)
The academic degrees of the authors need to be included.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major
compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.