Reviewer's report

**Title:** A case of thyroid metastasis from pancreatic cancer: case report and literature review

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The topic and case is interesting and would be relevant to those dealing with thyroid disease especially nodular lesions of the thyroid.

NB - there are no page and line numbers which makes it hard to refer to where one is referring to in the manuscript.

**Major Compulsory Revisions**

Numerous corrections need to be made with regards to grammar / sentence structure. Some examples of these are listed below. e.g.

In the Abstract
Case Presentation:
we - capital W
A core-biopsy ultrasound-guided -> An ultrasound-guided core-biopsy...

Conclusion:
metastases - capital M

In the main text
Background:
Thyroid gland is a known - The thyroid gland is a known...
3% - 3.0%

Case report:
...he underwent in another centre a neck ultrasonography - ...he underwent a neck ultrasonography in another centre

2nd paragraph:
please quote thyrotropin level - and can the authors make a comment about the usefulness of pre-operative / pre-RAI thyrotropin levels?
normal free triiodothyronine and (and duplicated and stuck to the previous work)
...an hypovascular - a hypovascular...

CEA = ?
Rephrase this sentence?
The patient referred to the oncology unit for palliative treatment died two months later.

Conclusions - should this be Discussions?

2nd paragraph
the most common NMTs - NTMs

3rd paragraph
previous cases of pancreas carcinoma metastatic to the thyroid... consider rephrasing
To our knowledge - To the best of our knowledge

2nd last paragraph of that page -
Interestingly, this patients had a transient ... this patient had a transient...
(did this patient also have hypothyroidism post transient thyrotoxicosis?)

last paragraph of that page. what happened to the patient in the second case report?

last page of main text:
scarcely differentiated - poorly differentiated?

After reference [10] - In our patients microscopic examination... In our patient,

Final paragraph -
1st line ...reported in literature - reported in the literature
Please rephrase the second sentence - Moreover in this case... the aspect of an ultrasound contrast agent. it is not clear what the authors mean.

Is there a conclusion?

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**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 that I have no competing interests