Reviewer’s report

Title: Refractory Bleeding from a Chest Wall Sarcoma: A Rare Indication for Palliative Resection

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Reviewer: Sandra Starnes

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The authors present a case report of a patient with metastatic sarcoma of the chest wall who presented with refractory bleeding after radiation therapy. After non-operable methods failed to control the bleeding, the patient underwent chest wall resection which resulted in excellent palliation.

This report highlights the need to consider chest wall resection as a palliative treatment in certain situations.

Major Compulsory Revisions
None

Minor Essential Revisions
None

Discretionary Revisions

The discussion could perhaps be enhanced by addressing several points. First, what is the timing for consideration of palliative resection? Could this have been considered prior to a 3 month period of continued bleeding with transfusion of 8 units of blood and several failed procedures? While this care may have been performed at an institution outside of the authors, a discussion of the timing of resection may provide education to physicians involved in the care of these patients.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.