Reviewer's report

Title: Direct spread of Thyroid Follicular Carcinoma to the Parotid gland and the Internal Jugular Vein; a case report

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Reviewer: R Michael M Tuttle

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 9 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

Many times, a tumor thrombus in the IJV from thyroid cancer is contiguous with the primary tumor or metastatic site of disease. In this case, was the IJV tumor thrombus contiguous with either the primary tumor or metastatic deposits?

What palliative treatment was offered? Did she respond? Did she subsequently develop local disease progression of distant mets?

What next?: Accept after minor revisions

Quality of written English: Acceptable