Reviewer's report

Title: Metastasis of a Caecal Adenocarcinoma to the Prostate 5 years after a Right Hemi-colectomy: A Case Report

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Reviewer: Sampi Mehta

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: No

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:

General comments

This is an interesting case, which is indeed rare. The case of a 54 yr old male, who presents 5 years post treatment for a completely excised colorectal malignancy, albeit locally advanced with nodal disease. A delayed metastasis of this nature is of interest in its rarity, but the techniques for confirmatory histological diagnosis are equally as complex. It touches on the value of PET in assessment of recurrent disease, which is noteworthy as many of these are emerging techniques that have yet to find their place in routine clinical practice. Finally the case raises the difficult question of how to treat this man, proposing surgical excision as a considered means of local control in the absence of metastatic disease elsewhere. The limitations of alternative therapeutic
measures would support this modality but it does raise the question of the accuracy of PET in assessment of recurrence disease of this type.

Revisions necessary for publication

No major revisions required. More detail as to why the decision of radical excision is to be contemplated and why alternative modalities are not appropriate would be useful to the reading urologist.

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'