Reviewer’s report

Title: Long Term follow up (10 years) after En-Bloc Resection and Reconstruction of a Solitary Paraganglioma Metastasis in the first lumbar vertebral body. A Case Report

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Reviewer: Vicente J. López O'Rourke

Which of the following 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?: 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?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

I find the case interesting and it is indeed a rare metastasis location for paraganglioma.

In the second phrase of the abstract’s introduction, where it says “metastasis” it should be “metastasize”. In the fifth phrase of the Case Report, where it says “vena cava inferior” it should be “inferior vena cava”.

The figures are confusing. In the PDF I was sent the description and the figures don’t match. Besides figures 6 and 7 are probably the same because air in bowels is identical in both. They are supposed to be 4 year and 10 year follow up. There must be a mistake here.
Quality of written English: Acceptable

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