Reviewer's report

Title: Sunitinib treatment enabling resection of massive liver metastasis: a case report

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Reviewer: Oner Sanli

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

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?: No

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The submitted case report presents unusual case of kidney cancer with significant reduction in liver metastasis with sunitinib treatment. The case is well described with adequate follow-up.

Specific concerns are as follows:

1- I believe that the present case report has two endpoints. 1- Significant reduction in liver metastasis with sunitinib treatment, 2- Histopathological effects of sunitinib on liver tissue. These two subjects should be evaluated separately and discussed. For this reason, these subjects should be well defined in “introduction” section.

2- Histopathological subtypes of RCC is unclear.
3-How do the authors explain renal toxicity of sunitinib treatment without any evidence on liver tissue? What do we know about the effect of sunitinib on liver tissue? Please discuss.

4-“Discussion” section does not flow well. Probably the order of the paragraphs is not correct. Please organize according to the primary and secondary endpoints.

5-First paragraph of “discussion” may be useless or some parts may be carried to the introduction. This paragraph is not directly related with the primary or secondary endpoints.

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable