Reviewer’s report

Title: Efficacy of percutaneous embolization of skeletal metastases from thyroid cancer: a case series

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Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Other

If other, please specify:

Novel treatment approach for a very rare presentation of the 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?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

Overall, this is a report of rare presentation of differentiated thyroid cancer (DTC), with a novel approach for successful management of the difficult situation. The rarity of the case itself should arouse interest of the readers. I commend the authors for their originality of the management approach.

The article does need some changes. I feel that the title is a bit misleading, thus should be changed. Since this is not a research article, “efficacy” seems not suitable. “Case series” should be changed to “report of cases” or similar. I
propose change of title to anything like “Preoperative (selective) embolization for hypervascular metastasis from differentiated thyroid cancer: report of two cases.”

Case 1 does not seem to be a bony metastasis. Rather, it seems that a huge lymph node metastasis was pushing against the clavicular bone. Nonetheless, the use of embolization seems appropriate in both cases. However, the description of the case and the title should be changed accordingly.

"Korean" need not be emphasized, and may be removed from the abstract and case presentations.

English should be corrected in some places.

**Level of interest:** An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I have no competing interest