Reviewer’s report

Title: Surgery combined with radiotherapy for the treatment of solitary plasmacytoma of the rib: A case report and review of the literature

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Major Compulsory revisions

#1. According to recommended-diagnostic criteria for solitary plasmacytoma of bone in this manuscript, no anemia, hypercalcemia, or renal impairment attributable myeloma were included. These data of peripheral blood examinations should be shown in Table 1.

#2. In Table 2, prognosis of patient with solitary plasmacytoma of the rib should be included in each report. Data of outcome was important in rare case.

#3. Figure 1 should be organized in each examination. CT images were scattered in Figure 1.

#4. In Figure 2, pathological image of HE staining was quite poor. It should be selected clear images. CD38 and CD138 of immunohistochemical staining were also poor images. These data was critical for decision on acceptance or rejection.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests’ below.