Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Cutaneous metastasis of transitional cell carcinoma of the urinary bladder: 8 years after the primary: a case report

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**Reviewer:** Brian L Swick

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?: Yes

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:

1. The incidence of metastatic transitional cell carcinoma (TCC) of the bladder is directly related to the depth of penetration of the bladder wall as well as tumor grade and size. The most important factor in predicting prognosis in TCC of the bladder is depth of tumor penetration (Beautyman EJ, et al. Arch Derm 1983;119:705 and Hinshaw M, et al. J Am Acad Dermatol 2004;51:143). What was the staging of the tumor at the time of cystectomy? This should be included the case presentation. Although uncommon, superficially invasive TCC of the bladder can metastasize to the skin (see Swick BL, et al. J Cutan Pathol 2010;37:1245).

2. Try to white balance your immunohistochemical pictures better.
Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests: None