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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Molloy and O'Toole discussed the mechanism, diagnosis, and treatment of bone metastasis from the primary cancer site. The paper is well written. However, I have a couple of concerns in this paper. 1) In the introduction section, the objective of this paper can be added, which may more convincing. 2) In the treatment section, the efficacy of denosumab may be lacking despite its superior efficacy to zoledronic acid in breast cancer patients. 3) In the surgical treatment section, the purpose of surgeries can be discussed for metastasis to long bone and pelvis and that to spine with spinal cord compression.



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Please correct for a few typographic errors in abstract (metastaic). Please combine and shorten the 3rd and 4th sentences of the abstract. Surgery- Please correct spelling (orthopaedicdic) Chemotherapy- "Chemotherapy should rarely be considered for management of metastatic tumours "as"..... Please double check this sentence for clarity. Conclusions- "Surgical management relies upon basic principles....." Please double check this sentence for clarity.



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I just have some very general comments: 1. I wonder if the inclusion of a few scans in the Diagnosis section would be useful for readers who are not specifically medically trained. There is growing trend for ordering of diagnostic scan from non-medical health care practitioners. A few example scan (beyond x-rays in Figure 1) could be very educative. 2. Any comments on post-surgical physical rehabilitation? Specifically this may related to differences in management compared to fixation of fractures in general. 3. And any specific comments on psychological care for that matter, as related to the idea of 'treating the person'? Is there anything specific/different to usual post-surgical care in this area? 4. Also related to psychosocial factors, psychological comorbidities are a factor in poorer surgical outcome, for example with back pain. Any comments on the psychological comorbidities in assessing an individual for these types of surgeries? 5. There is comment on the protocols for the appendicular skeleton. There is no mention specifically made of the axial skeleton. Do the authors have any particular/specific comments about surgical procedures for the spine for metastasis.