

Review of: "Strategies for Management and Long-term Surveillance of Pediatric Differentiated Thyroid Cancer: Balancing Efficacy and Quality of Life"

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Thank you for inviting me to review this article on pediatric thyroid cancer. Although the article is interesting, my main concern is the statements without references to back up the statements. This is seen throughout the paper.

A few suggestions:

1. Contradicting statements in the intro when compared to the epidemiology in the 2nd section. The opening statement is how common thyroid cancer is in the pediatric population, and then in the opening statement of section 2, you state that it is rare. Please clarify; my understanding is that it is rare in peds compared with adults.
2. Section 3.1 – the last line of the second paragraph should have a reference.
3. Section 3.2 – the first paragraph should have references attached to these statements, as well as in the second paragraph. In the second line of the second paragraph, "Studies have reported....." - however, none of these studies is referenced. References also needed in the 3rd paragraph.
4. Section 3.3 – Each statement should have a specific reference attached to it, similar to the second paragraph of this section. This applies to the entire paper when statements are made but not backed up with a reference.
5. Section 5.1 – the authors mention the Chinese and American guidelines recommend prioritizing total thyroidectomy, but a reference is not included.
6. Which guidelines are you referring to in section 5.2 – 4th paragraph?
7. There are multiple statements made throughout this paper which need to be supported.