Reply: Long-term Follow-up of Patients with Metastatic Differentiated Thyroid Carcinoma

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Bertagna and Giubbini commented on their longer survival (10-year survival of 72%) of their 32 patients with well-differentiated thyroid cancer with bone spread [1] (probably some with lung and/or lymph nodes spread) compared with our report of 34% [2]. Our low survival belonged to a specific bone spread, i.e., those presenting with pathological fracture. In contrast, distant metastases, excluding aerodigestive tract or pathological bone fractures, showed a much higher survival.

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