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Title: Schwannoma of the vagus nerve, a rare middle mediastinal neurogenic tumor: Case report

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We did any effort to revise the manuscript according to the reviewers suggestions.

Comments 1 & 2: We describe in the revised version our access to resect the tumor (anterolateral thoracotomy) which preserves the latissimus dorsi muscle. We did not proceed with the real muscle sparing thoracotomy incision

Comment 3: We report the follow-up in months in the revised version

Comment 4: the suggested articles are included in the references list of the revised version of the manuscript

In the revised version we added a sentence in the 1st paragraph of the discussion, where we add one more reason to proceed with thoracotomy instead of VATS, the risk of damage to the recurrent nerve during dissection within the aortopulmonary window. The last paragraph of the discussion underwent also minor changes.