Reviewer’s report

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Dear Editor

In my opinion this case report is interesting for thoracic surgeons about the issue of Schwannoma. Documentation of diagnosis of this tumor is more interesting because of use os S-100 protein (see figure). My suggestions to the authors are the following: 1. they should describe the intercostal space (e.g. 5th) and the kind of thoracotomy (e.g. posterolateral or posterior). 2. Did they use muscle sparing thoracotomy? 3. Generaly, its usable to use for the follow up of the patients estimation in months and not in years (e.g. 25 monthos). 4. Some classical articles such as Dabir R, et al: intrathoracic tumors of the vagus nerve; annals of thoracic surg 1990;50:494-97. and Sasaki K et al: Thoracoscopic removal of middle mediastinal schwannoma originating from recurrent nerve. Thorac Cardiovasc Surg. 2008 Sep;56(6):375-7.

sincerely yours

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I declare that I have no competing interests.