Reviewer's report

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

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It's an interesting report on a very rare pathology; the paper is well written.

Major compulsory revisions
- The authors should discuss about differential diagnosis; particularly why they didn't perform a fdg-Pet or a Ct guided biopsy in order to exclude other mediastinal malignant lesions? Scwannoma is very difficult to be diagnosed by preoperative imaging findings. However, in their pre-operative assessment, the authors seem to be sure of the benignity of the lesion.

Minor essential revisions
- In Background section, line 9: correct “Scwannomas” in Schwannomas
- In section “Case Presentation”, line 3: correct “withour” in without
- In section “Case Presentation” line 15 the sentence would be clearer in this way: “The tumor was removed with its entire capsule and was found to be benign at histological examination, because there were neither atipia, nor mitoses, nor increased cellularity or necrosis.

No discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests