Author’s response to reviews

Title: Alveolar adenoma of the lung: unusual diagnosis of a lesion positive on PET scan. A case report.

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Dear Mr Vipin Zamvar,

Dear Prof David Taggart,

Editors of “Journal of Cardiothoracic Surgery”,

Please consider for publishing on JOURNAL OF CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY the revised manuscript of the case report entitled “Alveolar adenoma of the lung: unusual diagnosis of a lesion positive on PET scan. A case report.”.

The changes made on previous manuscript have been highlighted in on the new one (with text coloured in red). As suggested by reviewer, we have explained the reason of the usefulness of PET scan in the management of these lesions with the statement: "PET scan is a part of our usual work up in patient with solitary pulmonary nodule; in this specific case the faint uptake should be useful during follow up”. Moreover some grammar mistakes have been corrected.

We also wish to add Dr. Alessandro Palleschi in the author list, who has given a major contribute to write the manuscript.

The manuscript reports a case of alveolar adenoma of the lung, an unusual pulmonary neoplasm sporadically described in literature. Since usually these lesions are located peripherally in the lung, our case is peculiar because of its hilar position. This is also the first case reported of a PET positive alveolar adenoma.

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