Reviewer's report

Title: False positive endobronchial ultrasound-guided real-time transbronchial needle aspiration secondary to bronchial carcinoma in situ at the point of puncture: a case report

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Reviewer: Yujin Kudo

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Recommendation: Minor Essential Revisions

This is a useful case story about a rare false positive case for EBUS-TBNA. I think that this case report give new knowledge and interest to the reader of your journal and this manuscript with minor revision is almost acceptable for Journal of Cardiothoracic surgery.

1. p.4, ll. 1-2:
In the description, the authors state that carcinoma in situ (CIS) were detected on the bronchial stump of the surgical specimen. After surgery, bronchoscopy with autofluorescence and biopsy was performed and it has been confirmed CIS in the residual bronchial stump.

The author should more accurately describe AFI (autofluorescence imaging) findings around the stump (e.g., area of low autofluorescence, etc.), and additional treatment, because of the residual CIS in the stump. Besides, if possible, the author should upload the picture of AFI findings.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.