Reviewer's report

Title: Metaplastic ossification in the cartilage of the bronchus of a chronic multi-drug resistant tuberculosis patient: a case report

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Reviewer: Darragh Halpenny

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This case report is, in general, well written and provides an interesting insight into a very rare presentation of a common disease process. The following are minor suggested corrections none of which, if addressed, should preclude publication.

1. Figure 1 Ct is described as showing 'right upper lobe lesion' however this image shows a left upper lobe lesion. The text mentions a left upper lobe lesion. The figure should appropriately labelled and in addition should be described as a coronal image.

2. Figure 2
- Line 4: close to bronchus (consider changing to: close to the bronchus)

3. In the abstract

- para 1 line 3: for the first time in a chronic tuberculosis (consider changing to: for the first time in a patient with chronic tuberculosis)

- para 2 line 7: Desquamated bronchial epithelium and acid-fast bacilli (AFB) were found inside bronchus. (consider changing to: Desquamated bronchial epithelium and acid-fast bacilli (AFB) were found inside the bronchus)

4. In the case presentation

- para 2 line 11: a dense band of calcium rimed the outer edge of marrow cavity (consider changing to: a dense band of calcium rimed the outer edge of the marrow cavity)

**Quality of written English: Acceptable**

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests