Author's response to reviews

Title: Fulminant mediastinitis after struma recurrence surgery

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**Concern:** revised manuscript (MS: 1019377763355898): “Fulminant mediastinitis after struma recurrence surgery”

Dear Mr. Kidd,

We hereby re-submit the revised manuscript: “Fulminant mediastinitis after struma recurrence surgery” to publication in your journal.

The following modifications were made in accordance to the concerns of the Independent Editorial Production Team, and are itemized below:

1. **Patient information:** please provide the ethnicity of the patient in both the abstract and case presentation sections of the manuscript.

   The ethnicity of the patient has been provided in both, the abstract and the case presentation section.

2. **Tables:** we notice that you have included the tables as additional files. If you want the tables to be visible within the final published manuscript please include them in the manuscript in a tables section following the references. Alternatively, please cite the files as Additional file 1 etc., and include an additional files section in the manuscript.

   The table section has been included in the manuscript after the reference section.

3. **Manuscript format:** please remove all line numbering and underlining.
All line numbering and underlining has been removed.

4. Abstract: please remove the keywords section.

The Keywords section has been removed from the abstract.

5. Abbreviations: please format this as a paragraph rather than a list.

The abbreviations have been formatted as a paragraph.

With best regards,

Susanne Rein, MD