Reviewer's report

Title: Fulminant mediastinitis after struma recurrence surgery

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Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Presentations, diagnoses and/or management of new and emerging diseases

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?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

General comments
Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript, addressing the Fulminant mediastinitis after Struma recurrence surgery. This report was described the patient survived rare life-threatening complication. The readers of Journal of Medical Case Reports will be interested in this paper. But I think several revisions are needed for publication.

Specific comments.
1# In P. 1, #10, "a 62-year-old Caucasian woman" should be simply "a 62-year-old woman".
2# In P. 2, #22, please remove the word "(hypo echoic)"
3# In P. 3, #1, "(pT2, pN0, 1 pM0…" should be "p-T2N0M0, ".
4# In P. 4, #5, "at 19:00 on the evening of the first postoperative day, 29 hours after surgery. " or in P. 3, #1, "at 15:00 on the second postoperative 19 day, 20 hours after the beginning of symptoms and 49 hours after the primary 20 surgery, " are too long phrases.
5# In P. 8, #23, "A cranial computed 24 tomography (CT) scan performed because of the patient’s personality changes was normal. " should be corrected grammatically.
6# In P. 9, #14, Gastroscopy is not used as pulmonary diagnosis.
7# In P. 9, #15," (FEV1) of 1.1 L, which is 50%" of the normal value is more generally used like "predicted value (FEV1%) is 50%."
8# In P. 12, #3, early detection and diagnosis of NSTI is most important and difficult. I agree with routine CT for NSTI.

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests