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Dear editor,

Thank you for your kind considerations on our manuscript entitled "EUS in diagnosis of pathologically undiagnosed esophageal tuberculosis" (BMGE-D-20-00351R2). In this revised version, changes to our manuscript were all highlighted within the document by using red colored text.

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All data analysed during this study are included in this manuscript (table 1 and table 2).

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