Reviewer's report

Title: EUS in diagnosis of pathologically undiagnosed esophageal tuberculosis

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1. Reference to first line- Please quote original reference and figure
2. Methods- What about all other patients diagnosed with ET -by endoscopic biopsy or EUS FNA? Are there any? If yes mention number as denominator. Also, what are EUS features in those cases? Any difference or they corroborate with same as cases presented here?
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6. All your cases are secondary ET. Please mention this clearly in discussion. As EUS findings Primary and secondary differs.
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