Reviewer's report

Title: Clinical spectrum of intrathoracic Castleman disease: a retrospective analysis of 48 cases in a single Chinese hospital

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Discretionary Revisions

1. The authors are in the specialties of respiratory medicine, radiology and pathology, there is no cardiothoracic surgeon.
2. In page (1), line (22): I think you should use intrathoracic CD instead of respiratory CD.
3. In page (6), line (128): 25% had thoracic surgery.......what type of surgery, is it for biopsy or curative, VATS, or open approach.
4. Page (7), line (139) All UCD cases had thoracic surgery for diagnosis and treatment......I think more details are required, I suggest to add a table with the surgical details, the procedure and the aim of surgery.
5. The same for page (7), line 142......what was the diagnostic surgery??
6. I also suggest to add a table with the radiological findings

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests