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Title: Intravertebral cleft in pathological vertebral fracture resulting from spinal tuberculosis: a case report and literature review

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I greatly appreciate both your help and that of the referees concerning improvement to this paper. We are sending the revised manuscript according to the comments of the reviewers. All changes to the manuscript are indicated in the text by highlighting.

Reviewer 2:

IVC is commonly considered to be a sign of OVCFs and is a widely reported radiological sign associated with Kúmmell’s disease. However, a few cases of IVC have been identified in patients with infection, multiple myeloma and cancer metastasis. The management for these diseases is fundamentally different. Although our case report is fundamentally an incidental finding, it is highly suggested that MRI or CT-guided needle biopsy, may be necessary before planning further treatment when an IVC is observed. We described it in the last paragraph of Discussion section.