Reviewer's report

Title: Successful surgical management of a rare esophageal inflammatory myofibroblastic tumour: a case report

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Overall a succinct case report of an inflammatory myofibroblastic tumor in an unusual location.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Discussion, 7 lines from end: Please provide a reference for the statement that "Although ALK reactivity is not specific to IMT, it appears to be a factor associated with metastasis and recurrence".
2. Figure 6: This photomicrograph is of poor quality and does not seem representative of the tumor. As a pathologist I see vacuolated cells that are not spindled with interspersed inflammatory cells that do look plasmacytic. If not already done, please have a pathologist help with photomicrographs to get a better quality image. Getting a higher power image or an inset with this lower power image and including an image of the CD117 or CD34 may also help to show the histology.

Minor Essential Revisions

These are grammatical corrections.

Abstract, line 4: "...we report a 60 year old lady..."
Case Presentation, line 1: Is "hindu" necessary?
CP, line 7: "...narrowing of the mid thoracic esophagus..."
CP, line 13: "...involving the lower cervical..."
CP, line 15: "...longitudinal incision was made in the esophagus..."
CP, line 16: "...lesion which was extending through..."
CP, line 17: "...enucleation of the lesion was performed."
Discussion, line 4-5: "IMT, although once thought to be benign, is now considered to be an intermediate-grade tumor..."
Discussion, line 14: "...and an even filling defect..."
Conclusion, line 4: "...also helps to confirm the diagnosis with histopathological examination..."

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests
**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I have no financial or non-financial competing interests.