Reviewer’s report

Title: Removal of tumor thrombus from the azygos vein in an esophageal squamous cell carcinoma patient

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The author report a case of squamous cell esophageal carcinoma where a neoplastic embolus was find within the azygos vein. First of all, the manuscript requires an extensive revision concerning English language. The authors state that the "Key-ponit in operation was to prevent the detached tumor thrombus from embolizing in lung and brain". I strongly disagree and in my opinion the most important of an oncologic operation is to radically resect the tumor. By opening the wall of the azygos vein and resect the embolus without resecting the invaded part of the azygos vein the operation is not considered to be radical and a local relapse of the tumor is highly possible. The abbreviation NACT could be deleted and replaced by withitit everywhere in the text the whole words (neoadjuvant chemotherapy).

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