

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 33123-Revised manuscript.doc).

Title: Cervical Castleman's disease mimicking lymph node metastasis of esophageal carcinoma

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of the reviewer.

- 1) The part of COMMENTS has been added to the manuscript.
- 2) The audio file for Audio core tip has been submitted.
- 3) We have checked that there are no repeated references.

Comments (02546581):

This case report describes the story of patient with cervical esophageal carcinoma staged as cT2cN2 due to right cervical lymph node metastasis. After transhiatal esophagectomy with lymph node dissection the final pathological

report showed pT1b pN0. The swollen lymph nodes were due to Castleman's disease, an uncommon benign lymphoproliferative disorder of unknown etiology. This is an interesting case report showing that swollen lymph nodes during preoperative tumor staging can be due to other uncommon benign diagnoses. The manuscript is well written and the figures are well prepared. I think this manuscript is worth publishing.

Reply: Thank you for your positive comments.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology*.

Sincerely yours,

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