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**Peer-reviewer
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Thanks to the esteemed authors for reporting the rare case of mucous epidermoid carcinoma in the thymus, the following points are recommended to improve the article:

1. In the case presentation section, state the patient's chief complaint for further investigation, which led to a CT scan and finding a mass in the thymus. 2. In the history section, please mention the abnormal and pathological findings in the examinations and paraclinics, and this section should be mentioned more briefly. 3. In the treatment section, explain the operation technique and whether the VATS were performed from the left or not. 4. In the figure section, display an IV contrast Ct Scan of the preoperative mass, if possible.

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The study describes a rare clinical case of mucoepidermoid carcinoma developed in the thymus. Overall, the manuscript is well written and easy to understand. Minor comments are listed below: (1) In case presentation it mentions that H-E staining, immunohistochemistry and special staining were performed in pathology tests. But only HE staining is observed in the figure section. Please indicate what particular IHC staining (e.g. CK5/6, CK7 or P63) and special staining (e.g. mucicarmine, PAS or alcian blue) were performed to help make the final diagnosis. (2) In discussion section, when talking about the oncogenic driver role of CRTC1-MAML2 fusion, this most recent publication (<https://insight.jci.org/articles/view/139497>) is the best evidence as the GEMM model with human CRTC1-MAML2 expressed in mouse salivary glands can lead to MEC development. And authors should be aware that combing either karyotyping or FISH for CRTC1-MAML2 fusion can favor the diagnosis of MEC as well. (3) In discussion section, it says "Bcl-2 overexpression exists in most MEC tissues, suggesting that VE-cadherin is related to angiogenesis and VM formation in MECs". Could you expand a bit more about this point? What previous studies indicate Bcl-2 overexpression in MEC? How does Bcl-2 overexpression contribute to VM formation? And add proper reference to support this claim.