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I congratulate the authors on a well written contribution on an important subject. Please find enclosed my specific comments intended to benefit your excellent paper. I find it suitable for publication after some minor revisions.

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this is an interesting case of medical importance. i have comments mentioned below: 1- regarding tables add degree of freedom for each p value. 2-regarding fig 1, add annotations, scale bar, ... 3- this study is a retrospective one so the risk of bias is high. 4- is there a role for EUS in the early diagnosis and management of patients with recurrence ?