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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

#1. History of present illness “received 60 rounds of radiotherapy to the anastomotic area and developed” >> or 60 fractions of radiotherapy? Also It would be great if cumulative isodose distribution [for example, see Fig 1A in N Engl J Med 2012 Jun 14;366(24):2327-9] could be provided to illustrative the relationship between radiotherapy dose and fistula. #2. Image examinations: Did PET-CT in May 2019 reveal active malignance in addition to fistula? #3. 1st paragraph in discussion “combination of two or more techniques [9]” >> or “combination of two or more techniques [9-11]”? #4. 2nd paragraph in discussion “60 rounds of radiotherapy (total radiation dose 423 Gy))” >> or “60 fractions of radiotherapy (total radiation dose 423 Gy)”? In addition, this information should be provided in “History of present illness”. Furthermore, please double check because overall 423 Gy/60fraction (even combined from several courses of radiotherapy) is not common to the reviewer’s knowledge. #5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Thanks to Dr. Yuyan wang >> or Thanks to Dr. Yuyan Wang? #6. Suggest to comment on whether there is other reports regarding the use of ozonated water in esophageal carcinoma patients with fistula #7. Suggest to comment on limitation regarding the title statement “Gastro thoracic fistula treated with ozonated water following esophageal carcinoma therapy”. For example, ozonated water was not the only anti-fistula treatment in this case.