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Dr. Ma:

We appreciate the opportunity to revise our manuscript. The revised title is “Tension pneumocephalus following endoscopic resection of a mediastinal thoracic spinal tumor: Case report and review of literature” The manuscript number is NO. 70905, authored by Cheng-Di Chiu et al. Our responses to the comments from the reviewer(s) are included below.

We acknowledge the reviewers’ constructive comments and have addressed each comment in our point-by-point response. We have incorporated various corrections into the revised manuscript, according to the suggestions made by the reviewers and editors. A detailed list of our replies to the reviewers’ comments and the changes made in response to these comments is provided on the following pages of the “Authors’ Response to Reviewers.” Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Please note that we provide the authors-self-signed form of Copyright License Agreement instead of a system-generated file because one of the contributing authors cannot receive the email.

Your kind consideration of our manuscript is highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Authors' Response to Reviewers

Reviewer: 1

[Comments]

1. gelform or geofoam -> gelfoam

Answer: Thank you for this reminder. We have corrected the typos.

Reviewer: 2

In this manuscript, pneumocephalus occurring in a case of a thoracoscopically resected spinal tumor is reported. As emphasized by the authors, this is a challenging complication that is difficult to repair. Therefore, its rarity does not exclude the importance of considering it during and/or after surgery. The information given throughout the presentation is essential in increasing awareness of the existence of this complication. It also contains valuable information to consider the techniques that can be used in the repair.

[Comments]

1. In lines 161-166 in the discussion section, it would be more appropriate to take the information between the lines in the materials and method section.

Answer: We understand the reviewer's consideration. However, general formats of a case report do not permit a separated Materials and Method section and hence we chose to incorporate the methods of literature review before discussing the relevant results.

2. In figure 3a, histopathological findings of the lesion cannot be distinguished very well, and the hyalinization, calcification, and hemorrhage areas mentioned in the legend cannot be observed. A new microscopic photograph with higher magnification should be included to describe these findings. If these findings cannot be fully demonstrated, they should be removed from the legend.

Answer: We thank the reviewer for this reminder. We have provided new pictures with higher magnification to indicate these phenotypes (**Revised Fig.3**).

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1. Authors are requested to send their revised manuscript to a professional English language editing company or a native English-speaking expert to polish the manuscript further. When the authors submit the subsequent polished manuscript to us, they must provide a new language certificate along with the manuscript.

Answer: We have sent our manuscript to a professional English editor to improve the language of this revision. We have also provided an up-to-date certificate provided by the English language editor.

Editorial Office'S Comments

1. Academic norms and rules: The authors didn't provide the written informed consent of treatment.

Answers: The written informed consent of publication and treatment will be embedded in the same PDF file in the revised version.

2. The title is too long, and it should be no more than 18 words

Answers: Thanks for the editorial office's reminder. We changed our title into "Tension pneumocephalus following endoscopic resection of a mediastinal thoracic spinal tumor: case report and review of literature"

3. The authors did not provide the approved grant application form(s). Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s)

Answers: OK.

4. The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor

Answers: OK.