**COVER LETTER**

To,

The Editor-in-chief

Annals of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (APALM)

**Subject:** Submission of Manuscript for publication

I intend to publish an article entitled “Primary vocal cord histoplasmosis: a rare presentation impersonating laryngeal malignancy” in your journal as a Letter-to-editor. I will act as guarantor and will correspond with the journal from this point onward.

Primary histoplasmosis of larynx is extremely rare with lack of evidence of dissemination even a rarer phenomenon. Through this letter –to- editor I intend to enlighten everyone with such an unusual case we encountered and the possible differentials one should consider before rendering a final diagnosis. Moreover I wish to highlight that due to its unusual location and deceptive clinical presentation, it may clinically mimic a malignancy, so such cases should undergo a thorough histopathological and microbiological examination.

I am the sole author of this article and declare that I qualify for authorship and take public responsibility for the content of this article. I also acknowledge that this final version was read and approved. I also certify that this work is not considered elsewhere for publication and has not been presented anywhere. There are no conflicts of interest related to this work, to the best of my knowledge.

I have read the Copyright Policy of the Journal and agree to abide by the same in the event such work is published by the journal.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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