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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

that's a well written manuscript. the subject of the manuscript is interesting. it should be published.



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Akbulut and colleagues presents a case-report describing two cases of incidental NETs found During Living Donor Hepatectomy. The topic of the study is interesting. However, it presents some critical points that need to be addressed, as following: Major Points



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1) It is not clear which is the aim of this paper, since it is initially presented as a case report. Nevertheless, the authors dedicated a limited space to case report description and follow-up of the two cases is absent. On the contrary they present an extensive description of the natural history and management of the NETs. Finally, they claim to provide conclusions on management of incidental NETs. This is not possible, since a case report cannot provide sufficient evidence to reach conclusions. I believe that the authors should authors should limit themselves to present the two cases, extending the case report section, presenting the follow-up, greatly limiting the narrative description of NET natural history and management (it is not a review of the topic). Finally, every suggestion can only be presumptive, and have to be stated with caution, since sufficient evidences to support definitive conclusions are absent. 2) The authors referred a large experience in liver donor hepatectomy. They should present the data of their series, report how many interventions they have done in order to clarify which is the overall prevalence of incidental tumors. 3) The meaning of the title is not clear. There is no answer to the question "What to do?" The have to change it with a descriptive title. For instance: "Neuroendocrine Tumor Incidentally Detected During Living Donor Hepatectomy: two cases treated with complete response". 4) The abstract is not well written and it contains unnecessary details of the two cases that are already provided in the main text (the aim of the abstract is not to substitute the main text). 5) The language quality is poor and an extensive revision by a native speaker is essential. Minor Points 1) What were the indication to the two transplant? HBV decompensated cirrhosis? Hepatocellular carcinoma? This must be described. 2) In both cases, which radiological examinations were performed before the operation? After the intervention, have radiologic images been reviewed to clarify if the two tumors were missed or not at imaging? 3) Did the authors found other incidental tumors at preliminary screening before surgery? If yes, which was the incidence of other tumors incidentally found



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before surgery on radiological examinations? 4) Do the authors perform surgical abdominal exploration, routinely? What are possible complications of this procedure? How many adverse effects secondary to this procedure have the authors observed in their series of surgeries?

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an important case reports and the author raise and address the issues to solve in the community. Ki-67 index of NET are proposed in many organs in sometimes different context especially in the lower range, and the evidence so far is far from robust in any



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conclusions. The outcome of these G1 tumors in the immunosuppressed conditions is unknown. 1. Is it possible to stop the transplantation when incidental high-grade tumors discovered in the operation?

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript entitled "Neuroendocrine Tumor Incidentally Detected During Living Donor Hepatectomy: What to do it?" has been evaluated as follows; The authors present two cases with grade 1 neuroendocrine tumors (NET) during living donor hepatectomy



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(LDH). In the first case during an abdominal exploration revealed that the appendix vermiformis had a 8-10 mm tumor which was removed. In the second case a mass lesion with a 10 mm in size on the antimesenteric surface, approximately 90 cm proximal to the ileocecal valve was detected. A wedge resection with primary closure was performed. The pathological examinations of the specimens of both patients revealed a grade 1 NET [NSE (+), Chromogranin (+), Synaptophysin (+) and Ki 67 (+)]. In conclusion, the authors suggest that even if patients undergoing LDH are healthy individuals, whole abdominal cavity should be gently palpated and all findings be recorded after completing laparotomy. Suspected masses or lesions should be confirmed by frozen section examination. Such an approach would avert some future potential medicolegal issues. The language should be polished.

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