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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

- I suggested that title of the manuscript can be changed as "Pancreatic neuroendocrine carcinoma in a pregnant woman: A case report and literature review". - Keywords should be selected according to MeSH. - Introduction is small; please specify importance of pNETs diagnosis in pregnancy and its clinical outcomes. - The method of reaching a definitive diagnosis and how to eliminate other possible diagnoses should also be carefully described in the case presentation section more clearly. - Dear author, this interesting Case report needs some clarification regarding the discussion part - maybe to make a comparison table regarding your case vs published cases you mention in the discussion, with all characteristics and treatment approach, duration of treatment and outcomes. - Please discuss about the limitations of the report



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Gao LP et al reported an interesting case of pancreatic neuroendocrine carcinoma in a pregnant woman. This patient had complications of portal vein thrombosis, esophageal varices bleeding and liver metastasis. Although the discussion is detail and formative, I have some comments and suggestions: 1. The initial presentation of this patient was esophageal varicose bleeding and portal vein thrombosis. In Asia, viral hepatitis related liver cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) should be surveyed. Dose viral hepatitis markers, such as HBs antigen or anti HCV, were checked in this patient? Is there any sign of cirrhosis in the initial study of abdominal ultrasonography? Elevated Alpha fetoprotein (AFP) value (179.60 ng/mL) was found in this patient. Is elevated AFP related to pregnancy or HCC? 2. Although the pictures of abdominal CT were presented, there was no sequential change could be traced. Readers could not compare the pictures before treatment with those pictures after treatments. Moreover, the initial abdominal ultrasonography (US) pictures should be shown because abdominal US was the first tool to detect the liver tumors. 3. The description in the section of physical examination was crude. For example, if abdominal distention was detected, abdominal shiftiness sound (percussion examination) should be recorded because ascites might develop when portal hypertension (portal vein thrombosis). 4. Please explain the meaning of elevated tumor markers, such as AFP, CA125 and CA199 in this patient. Was chromogranin A (CaA) checked in this patient? 5. In the section of treatment, "The patient underwent transcatheter arterial chemo-embolization three times" was recorded. For a patient with portal vein thrombosis (especially main portal vein thrombosis), TACE is risky to induce hepatic failure. The author should explain why TACE was chose as a treatment for this patient. And why Sandostatin (octreotide acetate microsphere, 30 mg) but not systemic chemotherapy or targeted drugs was prescribed for this patient? 6. The content of



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discussion is detail and informative, but it should be correlated with this case report. If the clinical presentation or treatment was not consisted with the guideline or general rules, author should explain the difference. For example, in the discussion section, “The sensitivity of gallium 68Ga-PET-CT is higher than that of 18F-FDG-PET-CT in determining staging of pNETs[34,35]” was reported. But 18F-FDG-PET-CT was used in this patient. “serum chromogranin A (CgA) is the most widely used and valuable biomarker for diagnosis and follow-up of NETs[36]”, but no report of CgA value in the laboratory section.



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1. The BMI could be a factor which can affect the risk of neuroendocrine factor, it would be more professional to mention the BMI of the patient in the manuscript, and any weight changes as well. 2. Smoking history and drinking history are other important factors in pancreatic carcinoma, did the authors check drinking and smoking history before the pregnancy or not? 3. Mentioning blood characteristics (WBC count, platelet count) more specifically at the time of the first admission and after the treatment, could help other scientists and improve the citation of the paper. 4. providing a table with features of the most recent reported pNETs cases (e.g., 2000-2019) during pregnancy would be more helpful to the reader and improve citation.



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The author has answered partial questions. I could not find the correspondent change in the revised manuscript (no marker or underline found). I suggest the author lists the reviewers' questions and answer the questions one by one.