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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It would be interesting to make known, in your letter to the editor, that the histological study is essential to confirm the diagnosis in conjunction with the immunohistochemistry and that the proposed classification according to number of lesions (doi: 10.1016 / j.ijscr.2021.106131) and Tumor location is useful for surgical planning. Remember that the presentation in women has a bimodal curve, with a peak at 28 and 64 years, versus in men that only shows a peak at 64 years of age



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The letter emphasized the current highlights of the SPN. However, it provides little new to the original review.



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This is a well written letter to the editor in response to the review of solid pseudopapillary neoplasm (SPN) of the pancreas by Omiyale (2021). The authors reiterated that chemoradiotherapy regimens are not well standardized and curative R0 surgical resection is the best treatment option. The authors highlighted the fact that a small subset of these tumours may behave in an aggressive fashion, a point also raised by Omiyale (2021). The authors cited the review of 59 cases by Hao et al. (2018) that reported a 5-year disease-free survival rate of 26.8% and a 5-year and 10-year overall survival rates of 71.1% and 65.5% respectively. Based on this data, the authors concluded that "about one third of patients affected by SPN will die of this disease". While I agree with the interesting findings of Hao et al. (2018), the conclusion by the authors of this letter does not consider the fact that the study population in the Hao et al. (2018) review represents a specific subset of SPNs. The inclusion criteria for the Hao et al. (2018) study were cases of SPNs with an aggressive behaviour, recurrence, and metastasis. For this reason, it will be inaccurate to generalize the findings to all patients with SPN and conclude that "about one third of patients affected by SPN will die of this disease". Overall, this is a relevant contribution to the discourse on solid pseudopapillary neoplasm of the pancreas.