

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Overall well designed and well reported study. Major points Some continuous variables



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(such as length of stay) are not normally distributed; they are skewed, therefore, non-parametric tests such as the Mann-Whitney U test should be used. The authors need to explain why only 35% of the patients with carcinoid syndrome had diarrhea in this study, when the expected prevalence is 80%. Is this an indication of selection bias?

INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT

Google Search:

- ☐ The same title
- ☐ Duplicate publication
- ☐ Plagiarism
- ☒ No

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In this retrospective study in adults on the direct costs of carcinoid syndrome diarrhea



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when compared to those without CSD the results were already expected. The text is well written, but could perform more statistical analysis and thus better understanding the event. The age was higher in those with CSD, and this could be better explored as well as the other identified variables. What are the factors associated with the greatest cost in CSD patients? A regression analysis could be applied in this case.

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