

Dear Editors and Reviewers:

Thank you for editing and reviewing our manuscript entitle "**Epithelioid Angiomyolipoma of the Pancreas: A Case Report and Literature Review**".

All comments were valuable and helpful in revising and improving our paper, as well as important in guiding our researches. We have carefully studied comments and have made correction which we hope to meet the requirements. The responses to the comments are as follow:

Reviewer 1

Specific Comments to Authors: Before one operates upon a suspected NET Pancreas, is it not mandatory to see whether its a functioning type ? Details of that were not given

Response: This is a very good question; neuroendocrine pancreatic tumors may be hyperfunctioning or non-hyperfunctioning. Hyperfunctioning tumors comes to clinical attention through excess of endocrine symptoms. Our patient had none of those symptoms (like hypoglycemia, Whipple triad or Zollinger-Ellison syndrome). Thus, the tumor was considered to be non-hyperfuctioning.

Secondly, according to the guidelines of "ENTS Consensus Guidelines for Standard of Care in Neuroendocrine Tumors: Surgery for Small Intestinal and Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors"^[1], preoperative assessment before elective surgery for small intestinal neuroendocrine tumors (siNETs) should include 24-hours leveling of urinary 5-hydroxy indole acetic acid (5-HIAA) despite the absence of specific symptoms. But for pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors (PanNETs), additional tests for functioning are not required. The tumor size between 1.5 to 2 cm indicated to be a indolent form as in our case. Surgical resection should still be recommended in young and healthy patients

as in absence of available data on long-term follow-up. So we did not conduct more examinations for hyperfunctioning or non-hyperfunctioning .

We hope that the revisions in the manuscript and accompanying responses will be sufficient to make our manuscript suitable for publication in *WJCC*.

We look forward to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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