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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a “Letter to the Editor” by Petrelli and colleagues commenting a previously published case of peripancreatic paraganglioma highlighting the difficulties of establishing an accurate preoperative diagnosis, even after a second-round evaluation. After analyzing the paper authored by Lanke and collaborators on a peripancreatic paraganglioma (PPGL) successfully diagnosed pre-operatively by endoscopic ultrasonography (EUS)-fine needle aspiration (FNA), Petrelli and co-authors present their own case to illustrate the discussion. Although the patient is relatively young, the case has several similar characteristics. In addition to important content regarding disease diagnosis, the authors present and analyze several methods and compare them to previous results and publications. Finally, the authors suggest a close follow-up after surgery, since there are no definite criteria for malignancy, and support that the pathologists play a key role in guiding clinicians and surgeons on the malignant potential of the tumor. The whole description is sufficiently detailed and well-described. The text has the necessary content for the accurate clinical, laboratory and imaging evaluation. However, the figures mentioned and described are not available. The discussion has a logical structure and is based in a thorough literature search. More than 50% of the references are from papers published in the last 5 years. No self-citation was detected. Major points to be addressed: 1. Absence of available figures. Minor comments: 1. Revise the text for minor typing errors.

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The study demonstrated a case of peripancreatic paraganglioma, which is very interesting and easy to be misdiagnosed. The authors also discussed the pathological and molecular character of paraganglioma. Overall, the MS is well written and contains valuable information for diagnosis and management of paraganglioma. However, I did not see the figures in the MS file.