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Name of journal: World Journal of Gastroenterology

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Title: Tumor-infiltrating platelets predict postoperative recurrence and survival in resectable pancreatic neuroendocrine tumor

Reviewer's code: 02549888

Reviewer's country: India

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	(High priority)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Title: Apt Abstract: Well elaborated giving a clear idea of the article in a nut shell.

Introduction: Satisfactory. **Materials and methods:** Elaborately written with all essential details. **Results:** Satisfactory. **Discussion:** Good. **Results:** This section needs to be added



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with proper conclusions enlisted in it . References: Very good.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1 To Authors This study develops a very interesting section on the biological behaviour of the pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors. The design of the research is rational; its development is correct in the methods, patients selection, histopathological assessment



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and statistical analysis. The results are believable and clearly showed. The Discussion is complete, considering the most important characteristics of the topic. The references are many and up-to-date. In summary this is a very good work.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a manuscript by Xu SS et al about tumor infiltrating platelets in pNETs. I have the following questions: Where the patients on therapy and if yes can It be named? I suggest that the following information will be presented: Size at different cut-offs,



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extend of disease (localized vs nodal/distant metastases) The authors present that the average score of platelets immunostaining density was assessed in each of 5 high-power fields (magnification 200×). Where these fields randomly selected? Can the authors please specify? Which were the negative and the positive tests performed? Was neutralization test performed? Can the authors please specify? Why the authors chose the cut off of 10% as positive? "positive referred to immunostained platelets distribution which accounted for $\geq 10\%$ of intratumoral region". Why they did not choose another cut-off? Which was the species of the secondary antibody with 3,3'-diaminobenzidine chromogen was Secondary Antibody Kit (G1210-2-A, Servicebio, Wuhan, China), the kit is not available on the internet in English. Where levels of CgA or NSE measured and where they correlated to the author's results? Which was the biochemical profile of the non-functional pNETs (PP producing?, levels, correlation of the immunohistochemical results to biochemical levels etc). Why the TIP marker should be used compared to other more validated markers eg Ki67 that its calculation is more standardized (See ENETS recommendation)? Microphotograph B. It seems to be more a background than a true immunoreactivity of specific cells. In general the authors do not convince that the marker included can be used as an alternative to more established markers. The 10% threshold that they present is not explained why it was chosen and the paucity of the marker results that its use is cumbersome in clinical praxis. I suggest that the authors will try with a Pathology or Oncology journal instead.

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