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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

General Comments: 1- The author did not emphasize the clinical context, e.g. symptoms, clinical and radiological signs, and treatment, that would help identify ovarian LCNEC and thence help earlier diagnosis and better treatment. 2- The author did not speculate potential points of research, recommendations or personal intuitions that would help make clinical identification and thence earlier diagnosis or detection of ovarian LCNEC, e.g. serological analysis; and tumor cell in vitro study. 3- The author did not clarify explicitly the expected role of possible clinical identity of ovarian LCNEC either in theoretical or practical context. In this way the whole article was almost pieces of literary knowledge or data without the author's personal evaluation and critique in clearly defined statements, e.g. by saying I imagine, speculate, deduce, etc. 4- The article lacks a final conclusion phrase as a summary, recommendation, speculation, or a question. Questions: 1- Title: a) Should the ovarian LCNEC have distinct clinical identity? Why "yes" and why "no"? b) Has this question (the clinical identity of ovarian LCNEC) been addressed before? c) Did LCNEC in tissues other than the ovary show particular clinical identity, e.g. could they be known before immunohistochemical studies? 2-Reference No. 12 was cited 3 times in the text while it is dropped in the reference list of the article. 3- More emphasis on the available clinical data, e.g. treatment and prognosis, of surface epithelial and LCNEC of the ovary might be reachable? 4- LCNEC was first described in the lung as one reads in reference No. 3. Should this statement be added with its relevant reference? 5- Does the hypothesis of possible epithelial carcinoma origin of LCNEC by a metaplasia need some critique, i.e. about common consensus and potential significance in diagnosis and treatment? - As mentioned in reference No. 6, LCNEC in the prostate appears typically as a pressure selection after long term



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hormonal therapy; how to interpret this in the whole subject?



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This is an good review of large cell neuroendocrine carcinoma (LCNEC) of the ovary. LCNEC is a rare type of malignant ovarian tumor, there is limited information about its histological, biochemical and prognostic features as well as treatment options. This review is therefore of interest to the clinicians and basic scientists in the field of ovarian cancer. It will be helpful if the author can provide a figure to summarize the basics of the disease and differences from common types of human ovarian cancer, which have been described in the text.