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This is an interesting case, with a rare localization of a NET. My comments are as follows:

- Did you determine any other markers for NETs, such as serum chromogranin A, serum serotonin or urinary 5-HIAA? - Are there any intra-operative images available? - A discussion on the type of PET-CT to be used in NETs should be useful. - There is an interesting comparison between gallbladder NETs and adenocarcinomas in Chen, Chen et al. "Gallbladder neuroendocrine carcinoma: report of 10 cases and comparison of clinicopathologic features with gallbladder adenocarcinoma." International journal of clinical and experimental pathology

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This case report is well written and interesting.

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This manuscript reports a rare neuroendocrine neoplasm in the gallbladder with "carcinoid syndrome". It is a very nice case report with high quality images. However, multiple issues need to be addressed before it is acceptable for publication. (1) The classification of neuroendocrine neoplasm was published in WHO tumor classification in 2010 and further revised in 2019. It is very important to classify the tumor into one of the two major categories: well-differentiated neuroendocrine tumor or poorly differentiated neuroendocrine carcinoma. The manuscript mentioned NET at one place and NEC at another, and also used the phrase "poorly differentiated NET". The authors need to arrive at a correct and consistent diagnosis according to current WHO criteria. (2) Carcinoid syndrome is typically associated with well-differentiated NET. The authors need to re-review the patient's presentation and the criteria for carcinoid syndrome, to see whether he fitted the diagnosis. In particular, this patient only had flushing, and did not have diarrhea. Carcinoid syndrome is caused by excessive production of serotonin. Is there any evidence that there was elevated serum serotonin, or secretion of serotonin by the tumor cells? (3) A gross photo of the resected tumor will enhance the manuscript. In addition, it is advisable to include AJCC TNM stage. (4) The CT images are in high quality, however, patient identifier such as name should be cropped out. (5) The authors are advised to refrain from using layman language such as "swollen" lymph node. "Enlarged lymph node" would be more professional. (6) Please check the spelling and grammar carefully. For example, it is NSE, not NES.

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