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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The English of manuscript is pretty rough. Sentences too long at many places and text prolonged. Abstract "The optimal treatment for rectal small-cell neuroendocrine carcinoma remains a topic of debate." what does this convey, need to rewrite this. In place of came, better is reported. It should be passage of blood with stools, not blood in stools. Your case summary is too long, itself case report. Core tip: What does this convey "Pathological analysis confirmed the operation was successful". Introduction is unintroductory, needs what is rectal small cell neuroendocrine tumour, its presentation, incidence and management. "However, surgery is still considered the main treatment for localized RSCC tumors[2]. We found that surgery did not bring a survival benefit to the patient reported here." PLEASE RETHINK OVER THIS STATEMENT. Case History. You had per rectal digital examination, ? What is The colonoscopy biopsy ? Which immunohistochemical markers were used ? Was surgery done in elective or emergency list ? Why Hartmann's procedure was done ? Was there any preoperative radiotherapy given ?

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The paper describes a rare case of neuroendocrine carcinoma arising in the upper third of the rectum in an old male. The patient was submitted to a radical surgery, but the tumor recurred locally very quickly. The authors were surprised by the rapid recurrence of the tumor. I believe that some clarifications on the proper care management are needed. How was really radical the operation? The surgeons did a total mesorectal excision? Why Hartmann procedure instead of low anterior resection was performed? The Authors claim to have obtained a R0 resection "because we did not observe tumor infiltration into the surgical margin by microscopy"(pag.5). But which margins were examined: the distal margin or also the lateral margins of the specimen? Lastly, a final clarification: the carcinoma was defined according to the TNM classification as pT4N2M0. The T4 is a tumor infiltrating the peritoneum or aother surrounding organs. No consideration on this aspect is made in the paper.