

Response to reviewer 1

Re: 1. Primary hepatic NETs are rare, but when the literature is reviewed, there are many case reports on this subject. In fact, one of the similar cases was published in World J Gastroenterol in 2018. I do not think that the present case report will make an additional contribution to the literature. Sample case reports published in the literature in recent years are below. I wish you good work.

1. Primary hepatic neuroendocrine tumor case with a preoperative course of 26 years: A case report and literature review. World J Gastroenterol 2018; 24(24): 2640-2646
2. A Case of Primary Hepatic Neuroendocrine Tumor and Literature Review. Case Rep Oncol 2021;14:90-97
3. Primary hepatic neuroendocrine neoplasm. Long-time surgical outcome and prognosis. Medicine (Baltimore). 2018 Aug; 97(31): e11764.
4. Primary hepatic neuroendocrine tumor: A case report and literature review. World J Clin Cases. 2016 Aug 16; 4(8): 243-247.
5. Primary hepatic neuroendocrine tumor: A rare entity. Radiol Case Rep. 2020 Nov; 15(11): 2362-2366.
6. Two Cases of Primary Hepatic Neuroendocrine Tumors and a Review of the Current Literature . Ann Hepatol Jul-Aug 2017;16(4):621-629
7. Treatment of primary hepatic neuroendocrine tumors with associating liver partition and portal vein ligation for staged hepatectomy (ALPPS): A case report and literature review. Medicine: September 2018 - Volume 97 - Issue 37 - p e12408
8. Primary hepatic neuroendocrine tumors: retrospective analysis of seven cases and literature review . Translational Cancer Research, Vol 7, No 2 April 2018
9. Primary hepatic neuroendocrine tumor case with a preoperative course of 26 years: A case report and literature review. World J Gastroenterol 2018; 24(24): 2640-2646
10. 18F-FDG PET/CT in Primary Hepatic Neuroendocrine Tumors. Clin Nucl Med. 2018 43(3):192-194.

Answer: Thank you very much for your comment. We believe that our study makes a significant contribution to the literature in the following three reasons. First, the importance of preoperative close observation was suggested. Second, primary hepatic NEN can exhibit significant accumulation on PET. There are no reports showing the accumulation at the site of primary hepatic NEN on PET. Third, the present case can imply the usefulness of postoperative SRS. No report of SRS performed in a patient with suspected primary hepatic NEN for a postoperative evaluation of possible existence of other primary lesions has been found. We believe that this paper will be of interest to the readership of your journal because our case provides valuable insight into the clinical diagnosing process regarding primary hepatic NEN.

Re-reviewer:

The authors have adequately addressed points raised

Answer: Thanks for your comments.