

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 11423-review.doc).

**Title:** Intramedullary spinal cord metastasis from pancreatic neuroendocrine tumor

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

### EDITOR'S SUGGESTIONS

1) English language editing service

⇒ An English language editing service has reviewed the revised manuscript. We have attached the file containing the English language certificate.

2) The revisions

⇒ We have modified the manuscript based on this review and added the requested data and discussion. These are denoted by sky blue-highlighted text.

### REVIEWER COMMENT

This is a nice, interesting case report, describing a new association and suggesting a surgical approach for ISCM. However, some revisions are needed to be suitable for publication.

→ Thank you for providing valuable suggestions for our manuscript. We have revised the manuscript per your advice and hope that it now meets your expectations. This is denoted by sky blue-highlighted text.

1) I'd suggest to shorten the below paragraph: As compared with brain metastasis, ISCM is extremely rare, likely because of the direct arterial supply to the brain from the aorta. The cerebral artery that supplies brain is almost a direct extension from the aorta, and the cerebral artery receives one-third of the cardiac output with high pressure from the aorta. Accordingly, the brain supplied by the cerebral artery is more favor to the embolic seeding of cancer cells [9].

→ Thank you very much for your comments. We have modified the manuscript accordingly.  
[As compared with brain metastasis, ISCM is extremely rare, likely because the cerebral artery that supplies brain is almost a direct extension with high pressure from the aorta. Accordingly, the brain supplied by the cerebral artery is more favor to the embolic seeding of cancer cells.]

2) Please provide the ki67 index for biopsy from ISCM

→ We agree your suggestion to provide the Ki67 index, which is important for the classification of NET. The Ki67 index was 50%. Per your advice, we modified manuscript as follows [Case presentation Section].

[The Ki67 index was 50%. These findings were consistent with an high grade neuroendocrine tumor (according to World Health Organization classification)]

3) Is there any case report describing ISCM from midgut NET?

→ We have tried to identify any reference for ISCM of NET since beginning the drafting of this case report. However, we could not find any previous report of ISCM of NET, including pNET and midgut NET. Therefore, we think that our unique report of ISCM of pNET would provide valuable evidence for clinicians facing other cases of ISCM with NET in the future.

4) English language editing is highly suggested.

An English language editing service reviewed the revised manuscript. We have attached the file containing the English language certificate.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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