Reviewer’s report

Title: Endoscopic resection of duodenal bulb carcinoid tumor larger than 10mm in diameter.

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Reviewer: Stefan von Delius

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The authors report a series of 4 duodenal neuroendocrine tumors resected by EMR. They conclude, that even tumors larger than 10 mm can be treated by endoscopic resection after confirming that the tumor confined to the submucosal layer in EUS examination and exclusion of lymph node involvement by abdominal CT and US.

Overall, this is an interesting topic.

In general, the terminology should be “neuroendocrine tumors” and not “carcinoids”.

Case presentation

To my opinion such a case presentation must include more details about the patients, i.e. age, sex, clinical presentation (especially in the light of the presence of a neuroendocrine tumor: diarrhea, ulcers,…?), comorbidities and the grading of the tumor. Moreover, details about pathology should be given: Grading? Immunohistochemistry?

Were the tumors endocrinologically active or inactive?

Please improve grammar and English expression, e.g. replace “swollen” by “enlarged”, … .

To me the manuscript seems not suitable for publication in the current form.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.