Reviewer's report

Title: Severe Paraneoplastic Hypoglycemia in a Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor with an Exon 9 Mutation: A Case Report

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Reviewer: Eva Wardelmann

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General
The authors describe an interesting case of a patient suffering from an acute hypoglycemia due to a gastrointestinal stromal tumor.
This is a well written case report which highlights another differential diagnosis for hypoglycemia.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

In the background chapter it should be mentioned that GIST patients may also suffer from a mastocytosis (in hereditary cases), ref. for example Hartmann-K et al., Gastroenterology 2005.
Last page (discussion): The authors should discuss that an adjuvant treatment of the patient with Gleevec could be useful because of his high risk to develop metastases or a recurrence.
Last page (discussion):...nor to abnormal K-ATP channels...

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.