Reviewer's report

Title: Resection of a malignant paraganglioma located behind the retrohepatic segment of the inferior vena cava

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Major Compulsory Revisions:

1. The case report is quite long, it will be important if the length of the manuscript is shortened by avoiding repetitions especially in case presentation and discussion sections.

2. Patients had CT and MRI in secondary care centre, why ultrasound was performed in tertiary care centre. It is not clear if a repeat CT was also performed in the tertiary hospital – what reason was for this?

3. Although patient’s preoperative blood pressure was normal, hence author did not give preoperative alpha blocker, following points need clarification in the revised version.
   - Any reference of not using preoperative alpha blockers in patients labelled as “functional” extra adrenal paraganglioma?
   - Was there was any changes in hemodynamic status of the patients observed intra-operatively (during manipulation of the tumour). If yes, how these were managed?
   - What was the rationale of 3 day per-operative volume expansion, any reference to this practice?
   - Patients was discharged on day 21, this is quite a long stay in hospital– what was the reason for this?
   - It is stated that "chemotherapy was offered to patient. What chemotherapy agents were considered and what are the known response rates?

Minor Essential Revisions:
None

Discretionary Revisions
None

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.