Author's response to reviews

Title: Ectopic insulin secreting neuroendocrine tumor of kidney with recurrent hypoglycemia

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Response to reviewers comments:

Thankyou for the comments. I have modified the manuscript as suggested. The pointwise response and changes made according to the comments are as follows:

Query 1. Normal range should be written for C peptide and insulin.

Response 1. The normal range for serum C-peptide (1.1 to 4.4 ng/ml) and serum insulin (2.6 to 24.9 μg/ml) for our lab has been now mentioned in the text as asked for by the reviewers. The statement "Samples collected during hypoglycemia showed a serum insulin of 134 miu/ml and C-peptide of 13.35 ng/ml" has been replaced with "Samples collected during hypoglycemia showed a serum insulin of 134 (2.6 – 24.9) μU/ml and C-peptide of 13.35 (1.1 – 4.4)ng/ml.”

Query 2. Figure writing should be corrected because written some places figure, some places Fig some places fig (attention lower and upper case)

Response 2. In all places where there was discrepancy in Fig, Figure, fig, it has now been uniformly made to ‘figure’.

Query 3. Reference 16 should be corrected. Because incorrect as below;


Response 3. Thankyou for pointing out. Reference 16 has now been corrected and made as


Query 4. Table 1, case 6: insulin stain –ve. What does –ve mean.

Response 4. –ve has now been replaced by negative, which means that special staining for insulin was done but found to be absent.

Query 5. In the legends to figures, Figure 3

3a3f,3b3g c3h: what does mean?
5ax2550; 3k50: what does mean

Response: 3b, c which were redundant have been removed in the revised legends to figure 3.

5a, 5b which were redundant have been removed in the revised legends to figure 3. The Legend to figure 3 now reads as:

Gross photomicrograph showing a yellow colored well circumscribed tumour in the upper pole of the kidney (3a). Photomicrographs showing diffuse and trabecular arrangement of tumour cells ( 3b, 3c & 3d) with marked desmoplastic reaction at places (3e). ( 3b, 3c & 3d ; H&E x 400 each, 3e, H&E x 200). Tumour cells are immunoreactive to chromogranin,
synaptophysin and insulin (3f, 3g, 3h x 400 each). MIB 1 LI is 2% (d3i x 200). Electron micrographs showing numerous membrane bound electron dense neurosecretory granules, mitochondria and prominent rough endoplasmic reticulum (3j x2550; 3k x9000 original magnification).