Reviewer's report

Title: Chromogranin A Is a Reliable Serum Diagnostic Biomarker for Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors but Not for Insulinomas

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Many studies reported that chromogranin is a reliable diagnostic and prognostic biomarker for various type of tumors which affect liver, pancreas and prostate (Biondi et al., BMC surg 2012; Malaguarnera et al., Arch Gerontol Geriatr. 2009; Ranno et al., Arch Gerontol Geriatr. 2006).

The authors evaluated a group of pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors (PNETs). The manuscript contains new information to justify publication, furthermore results and data are really interesting and well discussed.

Minor essential revisions

It would be appropriate to add in the introduction adequate information on cromogranin.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests