Reviewer's report

Title: Hypoglycemia cured by cardiothoracic surgery: Doege-Potter syndrome due to benign solitary fibrous tumour of the pleura in an African male

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Major Compulsory Revisions

This is an interesting but not entirely novel case report. To make it a bit more of interest to the reader it may be advantageous to extend the discussion and include a more complete review of the literature with more information being provided on the number of cases in the literature of SFT, the number of cases of SFT of the pleura with hypoglycaemia / HOA reported. Some indication of the clinical outcome of patients who have had pleural SFT removed would, also be of some interest.

Minor Essential Revisions

'Immunohistochemistry demonstrated that the tumor cells stained positive with CD34 (figure 1E) and Bcl-2, while negative for S100, CD68, CD99, Calretinin, Caldesmone'

to 'Immunohistochemistry demonstrated that the tumor cells stained positive for CD34 (figure 1E) and Bcl-2, while negative for S100, CD68, CD99, Calretinin, Caldesmon' (please indicate whether h-caldesmon or a high and low molecular weight caldesmon)

Reference 5 is unhelpful and improved reference to the original literature is recommended

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable