Reviewer’s report

Title: Intestinal neuroendocrine tumor in a patient with pituitary adenoma. Case report and review of the current screening recommendations.

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Reviewer: Francesco Dentali

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Comments to authors:

General
In this manuscript, the authors reported an uncommon case of intestinal neuroendocrine tumor in a patient with previous pituitary adenoma. The case report is of some interest and well written.

Specific comments
1. Sometimes (eg in the abstract) MEN is written NEN, please correct
2. In the background section, gastroenteropancreatic should not be abbreviated since it was not used any more.
3. The authors stated that the patient did not complain any symptom (eg weight loss, wheezing, …) during follow up. However, it’s not clear if the patients had one or more of these symptoms before intestinal neuroendocrine tumour diagnosis. Please, add this information.
4. Some figures did not add any useful information, please reduce the number.
5. Discussion (and “conclusion” in the abstract) should be toned down since to screen for the presence of neuroendocrine tumors, patients suspected to have
endocrine tumors is not based on evidence. Furthermore, symptoms generally do not occur unless the tumor has spread to the liver.

Revisions necessary for publication

What next?: Accept after minor revisions

Quality of written English: Acceptable