Reviewer's report

Title: Paralytic ileus due to paraganglioma in a patient with hypertension: a case report

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Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected association between diseases or symptoms

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: 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?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This is a well-written concise case report on the retroperitoneal paraganglioma. Following minor revisions are needed before accept.

1. Did the author check the level of catecholamine in patient’s serum or tumor tissue itself? This is very important to explain paralytic ileus in this case.

2. Please make the references in uniform style.

3. Does the author think that Figs. 4a&b are really needed? Especially, Fig. 4b in the present form means nothing. Please replace Fig 4a&b, with cut surface of the tumor fresh or postfixed. Then, in addition of Fig5, low magnification of histology is also needed.

4. In Fig1. add arrows to the dilated small intestine.
5. Hematoxilin should be Hematoxylin, in Fig.5 legend.
6. In Fig 3, please indicate liver and duodenum.

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable