Reviewer’s report

Title: Ganglioneuroma; A rare cause of adrenal incidentaloma: a case report

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Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Other

If other, please specify:

Rare case

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?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

Review

Section Abstract:

“Adrenal gland location can be seen rarely.” What does the authors mean? “This tumor is usually asymptomatic and majority of cases are detected incidentally.” According to the most recent review this is not true (see Papavramidis et al South Med J 2009)
Section Introduction:
“Adrenal gland location can be seen rarely” what does the authors mean by this?
“This tumor is usually asymptomatic and majority of cases are detected incidentally.” According to the most recent review this is not true (see Papavramidis et al South Med J 2009). Two thirds of the patients have symptoms…
“Although adrenal ganglioneuroma (AG) is usually hormonally silent and therefore asymptomatic,” the last two words should be removed

Section Case Report:
Why did the patient had MRI following the CT that showed a well-defined mass?
Why did the patient did a PET?
It would be nice to have a figure of the surgical specimen
The functional testing performed should also be mentioned
Why didn’t they remove the tumor laparoscopically?

Section Discussion:
“In this manuscript, the case was purely silent and asymptomatic.” This is not the case… the patient had symptomatology on presentation…he came to the department for pain.
The authors should discuss the treatment options

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published