Reviewer’s report

Title: Gastric schwannoma with giant ulcer and lymphadenopathy mimicking gastric cancer: a case report

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Tang et al report a case of gastric schwannoma, which in conjunction with multiple enlarged regional lymph nodes mimicked gastric cancer clinically. They have emphasized and discussed the role of FDG PET/CT in schwannoma.

I have following comments/queries from the authors:

1. Title of manuscript is not justified as FDG PET/CT imaging did not showed uptake in the enlarged lymph node, moreover 18F-FDG PET/CT was not diagnostic of schwannoma, therefore 18 F-FDG PET/CT may be deleted.

2. English language is not upto the mark. For example Page 4 line 15 and 17 ," It was sallow, tough and grown deep into the muscular layer", what do you mean?

3. Page 6 line 5, Schwancytoma is old terminology please delete it.

4. Page 6 line 54, delete 'with'.

5. "Yapet al. [9] reported a case of GS confirmed by pathology, which was occasionally found in a non-Hodgkin's lymphoma patient.18F-FDG PET/CT was performed before and after treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, showing increased uptake of 18FFDG in the gastric lesion (SUVmax 4.9)." I don't understand this sentence, please explain.

6. Differential diagnosis mentioned in discussion page 6 para 2 and page 8 para1 may be clubbed together.

7. As FDG PET/CT imaging prior to surgery did not showed uptake in the enlarged lymph node, the possibility of lymph node metastasis is less likely. Why repeat deeper biopsy or endoscopic USG guided FNAC was not performed to rule out non-epithelial or benign lesions.

Thanks
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