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Title: Small-cell Neuroendocrine Carcinoma of the Ileum: Case Report

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REVIEWER COMMENTS FROM REPORT: The authors provide a short case report detailing the presentation and initial surgical management of a rare small-cell neuroendocrine carcinoma of the Ileum.

The authors describe the case and provide some brief educational discussion points around the presentation and potential treatment options.

Patient consent is documented.

However, the educational learning from this case could be expanded upon to make it more of a noteworthy report, other than relying on rarity.

REQUESTED REVISIONS:

The case study is descriptive, and the accompanying discussion largely educational given the patient has started post-op treatment and the ultimate outcome is unknown.

The educational discussion is brief, which limits the value of the case somewhat.

The scientific English requires attention.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:

Unfortunately, the value of rare surgical case reports seems relatively low to journals these days. The authors are best advised to work on the educational lessons that can be derived from this in order to maximise their chances of publication, including longer follow-up and outcomes of the patient. Review by a native English language speaker may also be of assistance to ensure the manuscript reads correctly.

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