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Title: Laparoscopically excised retroperitoneal presacral Schwannoma: atypical pre and postoperative manifestations – case report

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COMMENT: Finally isolated schwannomas are more common that those associated to endocrine tumors, but they are still rare and rarely present symptoms when they have such small dimension. In the abstract they added that schwannomas are rare tumors that are difficult to preoperatively diagnose, they should therefore also added whether in this case they had some pre-operative suspicion, whether the associated endocrine tumor had a role in pre-operative diagnosis and in the reason why they decided to go to surgery.

ANSWER: There was no suspicion about the diagnosis before the anatomopathological exam and the endocrine endocrine was not considered in the pre-operative diagnosis. The need of the surgery was based on the presence of symptoms clearly associated with the topography of the tumor and on the need of diagnosis. After the anatomopathological diagnosed the schwannoma, we decided to investigate if it had any relation to the previous tumor. These informations are now added to the manuscript.

COMMENT: The last sentence of the discussion is difficult to understand, one epidemiological reference is from 1998, the sentence could be deleted.
ANSWER: The sentence and references are removed.