Reviewer's report

**Title:** Acute gastric dilatation due to a superior mesenteric artery syndrome : an autopsy case

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Comments to the Author:
This paper reports on an autopsy case report of acute gastric dilatation due to a superior mesenteric artery syndrome.
The manuscript is well written and there are no ethical matters. However, there are few things new and educational to report with this autopsy case only.

major comments
What characteristics caused the lethal gastric dilatation through the SMA syndrome ?. Please refer previous leathal case reports about acute gastric dilataion through the SMA syndrome and authors should discuss more.

minor comments
1)The authors should show the microscopic findings of gastric necrosis in more detail.
2)The authors should comment whethere there were focal necrotic change in the duodenum or jejunum and thrombosis in the SMA and Celiac artery in the case presentaion.

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

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

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**
'I declare that I have no competing interests