Reviewer’s report

Title: Unusual histological findings after partial pancreatoduodenectomy

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Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

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?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The manuscript is well written presenting very rare cases of pancreatic tumors. However, in the cases with presumed preoperative diagnosis of pancreatic cancer there is no reference to preoperative level of CA 19-9. CA 19-9, although unspecific marker could be an important tool for malignancy, correlated with other features (CT scan, MRI or endoscopic ultrasound). A little confusion could be made by the sentence: The standard treatment for pancreatic head cancer is Whipple procedure. Pylorus-preserving pancreatoduodenectomy is also a safe procedure for pancreas head malignancy. In the manuscript the Whipple procedure does not include distal gastrectomy.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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