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Title: Gastric lipoma presenting as a giant bulging mass in an oligosymptomatic patient: a case report

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Title Adjustment:
“Rare massive gastric lipoma: a case report” changed to “Gastric lipoma presenting as a giant bulging mass in an oligosymptomatic patient: a case report”.

Reviewer: Nelson Adami NAA Andreollo

1. The upper digestive endoscopy showed 3 gastric ulcers: why not biopsies were performed of preoperative ulcers? The biopsies would change the conduct adopted?

The procedure was unable to get an adequate biopsy due to a technical limitation once the location of the mass was in the submucosa. The fragments obtained from the ulcers revealed nothing but necrotic mucosa. Biopsy through conventional endoscopy is not able to confirm the diagnosis suspicion since it reveals only a typical mucosa. [12, 13] In the case described, only conventional endoscopy was available. Therefore, the biopsy fragments from the ulcers could not securely indicate the benignity of the underlying submucosal mass and lead into a less aggressive treatment choice. Recent literature points out the possibility of performing other methods besides the lift-and-cut biopsy technique for submucosal sampling, such as the echo-guided puncture and the diathermal loop biopsy. [14]

2. The patient had anemia?

All laboratory tests were normal and the patient did not have anemia.

Reviewer: Mehdi Soufi

Coment: It is indeed a rare condition, however, preoperative diagnosis could be
evident in Ct scan. It is not necessary to achieve a gastrectomy.

Answer: The lesion had fat tissue density and a suspicious central contrast enhancement with trabecular architecture regardless of being non-invasive of the peripheral layers (Figure 1).

Therefore, malignancy was suspected mainly due to this reason and to the tomographic dimensions of the mass of 10 x 6 x 11 centimeters, with a volume of 660 cm3. Since the case reported revealed an inconclusive computed tomography and the biopsies from the conventional endoscopy did not help, the hypothesis of malignancy could not be excluded. Therefore, the team decided to perform a gastrectomy which would be unnecessary in other circumstances.

Text Adjustment
All modified phrases and words were highlighted in yellow. Suggested language corrections were made as well as a language revision for a better understanding of the text. We will be willing to receive any further considerations.