Author's response to reviews

Title: A solid pseudopapillary neoplasm without cysts that occurred in the young male diagnosed by EUS-FNA: a case report

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Object: MS: 1251460017125835-A case of solid pseudopapillary neoplasm without cysts that occurred in the young man diagnosed by EUS-FNA.

Dr Masakuni Fujii et al.

Thank you for consideration of our manuscript for publication in your journal.

We have reviewed the above manuscript according to your reviewer’s comments.

Reviewer # 1 (Dr Theodossis S. Papavramidis)

Comments to authors:

A well-written case report.

1. It would be better to have some more figures:
   a. Intraoperative, b. macroscopic of the specimen

Thank you for your comment.

We added intraoperative finding (Figure 5) and macroscopic of the specimen (Figure
Also we added two figure legends as follows.

Figure 5. Spleen-preserving laparoscopic distal pancreatectomy. The pancreas (arrow) was transected by using a 60 mm endo-GIA stapler.

Figure 6. Macroscopic of the specimen. Examination of the resected specimen showed a solid tumor extending to the tail of the pancreas. The tumor did not contain calcified or cystic areas.

2. Discussion need two more paragraphs:


Thank you for your comment.

We added following sentences in page 7.

Athanasios Marinis et al reported a SPN treated with laparoscopic distal pancreatectomy and concluded that SPNs were the ideal pancreatic tumors for the laparoscopic approach (6).

References 6.


In addition, we added following sentences in page 6.
In most cases (~80%), SPNs present either as a mass or as pain, while the tumor is asymptomatic in about 15% of the cases (2). Stylianos Apostolidis et al have reported hematemesis as very rare presentation of SPN in a case report (3).

References 3.

Reviewer # 2 (Dr Antonios Michalopoulos)

Comments to authors:
Make minor corrections in English, eg.'minimized resection'

Thank you for your comment. I revised 'minimized resection' to 'minimally invasive surgery' in page 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9.

Reviewer # 3 (Dr Apostolos Zatagias)

Comments to authors:
Dear sirs, I am very satisfied to review such a nice case report. I believe that the patient was accurately diagnosed, using all necessary imaging and EUS-FNA, and therefore treated successfully with minimize surgery. The case report is very well presented and documentated.

Thank you for your comment.