Reviewer’s report

Title: Pancreatic hamartoma: A case report and literature review.

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Nice paper with a detailed review of the clinical features, as well as the radiographical/surgical/immunohistological features of the tumor. It was also a nice presentation of all the hamartomas reported up to date summarized in a table format. There are no major concerns. I do have the following suggestions for consideration:

I suggest mentioning that the patient did not have any symptoms (abdominal pain, post-prandial satiety or pain, malabsorption symptoms)

Last sentence of the abstract background should read: "The tumor was then diagnosed as a pancreatic hamartoma", or "Given these findings, the tumor was diagnosed as a pancreatic hamartoma", or "A diagnosis of pancreatic hamartoma was made"

Just being curious, why do you use the abbreviation of "enhanced CT" in your case presentation (ref page 6, line 56 but in your abstract/background wrote it out as "enhanced computed tomography")?

Fig. 1-c was not mentioned in the text.

I would suggest adding the month (diagnosis, follow-up timeline e.g. 21 months to the Figures 1 and 2. e.g. Fig. 1-b (21mo) but the editor may have different opinion.

Ref page 9, line 50, I would not use the word "Finally". Suggestions: "Based on the above findings, the tumor was..." or "Giving these findings, the tumor was..." of "The final diagnosis of the tumor was...

Ref page 9, line 53, may consider stating how it was determined that there was no recurrence. CT? MRI? EUS?

Ref page 10, line 31 - instead of "non-aggressive", use "not aggressive"

Ref page 11, line 8 - suggest "There are only 30 cases of pancreatic hamartoma reported in the English literature to date (ref 4-21), including the first case reported by Anthony et al. in 1977 (ref4)"
Ref page 11, line 30-31 - it was not clear whether Noltenius had a case series on pancreatic hamartomas. It doesn't seem so, the way I read it sounds like it was a case series on patients with alcoholic pancreatitis but the authors suggested relationship between chronic pancreatitis and hamartomas by appearance. It just needs to be a little more clear.

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