Reviewer’s report

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

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The authors reported an extremely rare case of pancreatic hamartoma arising in a 68-year-old man and reviewed the literature of this rare pancreatic entity. This article is potentially important and interesting for readers of BMC Gastroenterology. However, there is plenty of room for improvement in this manuscript.

1. A total of 12 cases of pancreatic hamartoma cited in Table 2 are collected from 5 English literatures reported from Japan, including 8 cases reported by Yamaguchi et al. (Ref. 20). These 8 cases were collected from 8 hospitals in Japan, namely, it was not a single-institute experience. Therefore, the authors are required to deny any overlap between cases cited in Table 2.

2. There is too much repetition in the manuscript. The first paragraph in the Discussion session should be deleted.

3. The explanation of Figures 1 and 2 is obscure and confused. Arrows or arrowheads should be indicated in the Figures. In addition, there are some discrepancies in description between the manuscript and Figure Legends, e.g., "The size of the pancreatic tumor had become smaller, measuring 2.5 cm in maximum diameter" in the Text (Page 7, lines 10 to 11) and "The tumor shown is 3.9 x 3.6 cm in size" in the Figure Legends (Figure 1-b).

4. The multi-cystic lesion was located within a soft-tissue mass to form a pancreatic tumor and the soft-tissue mass consisted of fatty tissue based on density of CT and signal intensity of MRI. Why did the authors suppose the pancreatic tumor as to be a malignant transformation of IPMN of the pancreas?

5. The title of Table 1 is inadequate.

6. Finally, the manuscript, including Tables, needs to be revised by a native English speaker with more extensive experience in medical and scientific editing before submitting the paper to the Journal

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