Reviewer’s report

Title: Needle tract seeding recurrence of pancreatic cancer in the gastric wall with paragastric lymph node metastasis after endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine needle aspiration followed by pancreatectomy: a case report and literature review.

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Reviewer: Shuji Isaji

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This is very interesting case report in which needle tract seeding recurrence of pancreatic cancer in the gastric wall with paragastric lymph node metastasis is described for the first time. The following points, however, should be reconsidered.

(1) The authors only described operative procedure as distal pancreatectomy with lymphadenectomy. In this case report, operative findings are very important, stating the relationship between the stomach and the tumor, and whether peritoneal dissemination or ascites is found or not. Additionally, distal pancreatectomy is not appropriate. Distal pancreateosplenectomy or pancreatectomy with splenectomy is preferred. Is your procedure RAMPS anterior or posterior?

(2) It seems to me that the description of pathological findings is written according to Japanese classification of pancreatic cancer (6th edition). Is this correct? Histological findings should be also provided, because you only show us the histology of the stomach tumor.

(3) In Figure 1a, only pancreatic tumor is shown; however, postoperatively paragastric lymph node swelling developed as shown in Figure 1c. Therefore, preoperative CT images are additionally required to show us that there are no lymph nodes swellings around the stomach. In fact, Figure 1a shows us a small round mass near the stomach. Is this a lymph node or not? Anyway, more preoperative CT images should be shown us. You mentioned like a mass in body of the pancreas with dilatation of the main pancreatic duct, but you did not show us the image of dilatation of the main pancreatic duct. I recommend that figure 1 is used for preoperative CT images and that figure 2 is for postoperative images.

(4) You mentioned that partial gastrectomy and lymphadenectomy were performed. What kind of partial gastrectomy did you perform? What extend of lymphadenectomy did you perform? You should describe operative procedure more precisely.

(5) The following sentence, "no recurrence was observed for 5 months", should be changed to "no recurrence was observed for 5 months at the time of this writing"


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