Reviewer’s report

**Title:** The inferior vena cava syndrome as the initial manifestation of newly diagnosed gastric adenocarcinoma: a case report

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**Reviewer:** Wook Kim

**Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?:** Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

**Do you believe the case report is authentic?:**

Yes, this case is authentic.

**Do you have any ethical concerns?:**

No description regarding IRB approval was obtained. IRB approval is needed.

**Is the Abstract representative of the case presented?:**

Yes.

**Does the Introduction explain the relevance of the case to the medical literature?:**

Yes it does.

**Does the article report relevant patient information?:** Yes

**Does the article report relevant physical examination findings?:** Yes

**Does the article report important dates and times in this case?:** Yes

**Does the article report the diagnostic assessments?:** Yes

**Does the article report the types of intervention?:** Yes

**Does the article report a summary of the clinical course of all follow-up visits?:** No

If any information is missing from the reporting, please detail it here.:

There is no endoscopic or histologic finding.
Is the interpretation (discussion and conclusion) well balanced and supported by the case presented?:

Yes, this case support early workup for malignancy in a patient who presented symptoms suggesting IVC syndrome.

Does the case represent a useful contribution to the medical literature?:

Yes, this case would be useful for medical literature.

Was written informed consent to publish this case obtained?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?:

Yes.

Additional comments to authors?:

Authors should clearly define antral mass in CT scan and present endoscopic findings.

In submitted figure, we cannot find antral mass at all.

In such case, it would be another possible senario that unknown metastatic hepatic mass invaded stomach wall. For this reason, endoscopic findings and histologic figure are essential.

In addition, figure legend for Fig 1d. may be mistyped. The image shows cut section at the level of Superior portion of Kidney NOT inferior.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.