

Dear Editor

Thank you for your kindness to consider our paper suitable for publication in your journal. We studied carefully the attached comments listed by the reviewers, made the requested revisions and coupled with the reviewers' requirements and we provide you a manuscript where the changes asked are highlighted in red.

Following you can find point by point explanations and details about the modifications we made according to the reviewers' remarks.

Reviewer 1:

Thank you for your review and decision to consider our paper suitable for publication.

Reviewer 2:

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Reviewer 3:

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Reviewer 4:

Thank you for your review and decision to consider our paper suitable for publication after minor revision.

- 1) Regarding the first point that in the present case, intestinal ischemia was induced by a midgut carcinoid that we speculated that the elastic tissue infiltration probably led to chronic obstruction of the jejunal arteries and that the hormones produced by the carcinoid were probably the cause of a severe desmoplastic reaction and the elastic sclerosis, we agree that it would be proof if we have measured the levels of hormones, for example, serotonin and substance P, but because of the urgent of the case and the fact that these measurements cannot be done in our institution we didn't assess them.

- 2) Other laboratory data is also available. CRP was increased and coagulation test was normal (PT: 13,1 sec, INR: 1,07, APTT: 28,3 sec). Arterial blood gas test revealed and lactate were
- 3) We agree that in most cases the diagnosis is established by the use of contrast enhanced CT, and that simple x-ray and abdominal ultrasound aid the diagnosis in some cases and that is the fact that we wanted to highlight in the present case, that simple imaging modalities should not go unnoticed as they can aid the diagnosis.
- 4) The mitotic rate was < 2 per 10 high power fields (HPF)
- 5) The numbers were added in figures and the corrections highlighted were done

Reviewer 5:

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- 1) Immunohistochemical stains of CD56 and synaptophysin were added.

Sincerely yours

Dr. Orestis Ioannidis