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Dear Editor,

Enclosed please find the revised manuscript in Word format.

Title : Emphysematous pancreatitis associated with penetrating duodenal ulcer

Authors: Claudio Tana, et al.

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions by the Reviewers:

Reviewer 1

Q: This is a nice case report on a rare case of a duodenal ulcer penetrating the pancreas and complicated with emphysematous pancreatitis. This manuscript is generally of interest. The authors provided the complete review of this issue. The authors can cite the following papers: 1. Lin HF, Liao KF, Chang CM, Lin CL, Lai SW. Correlation between proton pump inhibitors and risk of pyogenic liver abscess. Eur J Clin Pharmacol. 2017;73:1019-25. 2. Cheng KC, Liao KF, Lin CL, Lai SW. Correlation of Proton Pump Inhibitors with Pulmonary Tuberculosis: A Case-Control Study in Taiwan. Front Pharmacol. 2017;8:481. 3. Liao KF, Huang PT, Lin CC, Lin CL, Lai SW. Fluvastatin use and risk of acute pancreatitis: a population-based case-control study in Taiwan. Biomedicine-Taiwan. 2017;7:24-8. (in English). 4. Liao KF, Cheng KC, Lin CL, Lai SW. Etodolac and the risk of acute pancreatitis. Biomedicine-Taiwan. 2017;7:25-9. (in English). 5. Shen ML, Liao KF, Tsai SM, Lin CL, Lai SW. Herpes zoster correlates with pyogenic liver abscesses in Taiwan. Biomedicine-Taiwan. 2016;6:24-9. (in English).

A: Dear Reviewer, thank you very much for your comments. We have updated the reference list with your suggestions, as required.

Reviewer 2

Q: I would like to commend the authors for presenting this data. Overall, little criticism could be expressed regarding this paper. The manuscript is concise and well-structured. Although, there few reports emphysematous pancreatitis (EP), the presented case report on connection of EP with penetrating duodenal ulcer is rare and interesting from clinical point of view. English language is of sufficient quality. I fully support the publication of this paper in WJG in it's current form.

A: Dear Reviewer, thank you very much for your comment. We really appreciate it.

Reviewer 3

Q: Penetrating peptic ulcers causing pancreatitis is very uncommon and therefore your manuscript facilitates the progress of knowledge. The structure of your manuscript is complete, concise and comprehensive but you could include more information in your introduction and discussion, maybe you could talk some more about epidemiology. You might include information about for how much time has the patient been taking the nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. I support the publication of this paper with minor corrections.

A: We have provided more information in the introduction and discussion and reported additional data about epidemiology and for how much time the patient took nonsteroidal

anti-inflammatory drugs, as required.

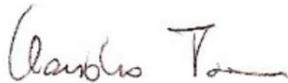
Reviewer 4

Q: This is a good case report where authors report a rare case of a duodenal ulcer penetrating the pancreas and complicated with emphysematous pancreatitis (EP). Generally, EP is a potentially fatal form of acute necrotizing pancreatitis with high mortality, estimated around 32.8%. However, the case reported in this paper has the focal involvement of pancreas from PPU which has a benign clinical course if a conservative therapy is promptly established. On the basis of this case report, authors discuss the causes, clinical features, diagnosis and treatments of penetrating peptic ulcer (PPU) complicated with pancreatitis including EP. The paper is well written and relevant for the readership of WJG. Therefore it is suggested to accept for publication in WJG.

A: Dear Reviewer, thank you very much for your comments.

Thank you again for considering our manuscript for publication in your prestigious Journal. We hope that our revision will be considered satisfactory and remain at your disposal for any further information you may require.

Sincerely yours,



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