

Answer to the reviewers

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 436-For revision).

Title: Ganglioneuroblastoma arising within a retroperitoneal mature cystic teratoma

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) En-block R0 resection of the tumor was obvious histopathologically. According to reviewer's suggestion, I quoted the given article and added some details on the definition of R0 resection line 29-31 in page 4 and line 1 in page 1.

(2) Intraoperative findings suggested that the pancreatic tumor involved the left adrenal gland, and therefore, distal pancreatectomy, splenectomy, and left adrenalectomy was performed for the purpose of en-block resection. However, macroscopic examination of the surgical specimen revealed that the tumor was, in fact, retroperitoneal tumor and separated from the pancreas by a fibrous tumor membrane. Fig. 3A is a graphic illustration of the whole resected specimen. On the other hand, fig. 3B is a photograph of the tumor itself (i.e. pancreas and spleen were removed from the resected specimen). As you have pointed out, this would cause confusion. Therefore, the part of the retroperitoneal tumor in the Fig.3A was circled in blue ink.

(3) The sentence that you have pointed out was corrected.

3 I also revised my manuscript according to the editor's suggestions. I highlighted the changes to the manuscript by using bold and light blue text. References and typesetting were corrected, I couldn't find DOI. with reference 6 and 8, provided the first page of these papers.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Clinical Oncology*.

Sincerely yours,

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