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Dear editor,

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**Title: Radioactive 125I seeds implantation for pancreatic cancer with unexpected liver metastasis: our preliminary experience of 26 cases**

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First of all, thank you for your careful guidance of this article. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer:

**Reviewer: 02943706**

Radioactive 125I seeds were first used in the treatment of patients with prostate cancer and achieved success in 1965. A number of studies have shown that implantation of radioactive seeds in the treatment of pancreatic cancer can benefit the survival of patients, reduce pain and improve the quality of their life. In this study, the authors summarized the single center experience of 125I seeds implantation combined with postoperative chemotherapy in the treatment of pancreatic cancer patients with unexpected liver metastasis. This brief study is very well designed, and the results are interesting. I suggest to accept the manuscript after a minor editing. I have no further specific comments.

**Reviewer: 03093174**

Pancreatic cancer is one of the common malignant tumors in digestive system, which has the characteristics of late detection, early metastasis, rapid progress and poor prognosis. Radical resection is the most effective treatment for pancreatic cancer, which is considered to be the best choice to prolong the survival of patients. However, due to the atypical early symptoms of pancreatic cancer, most of the patients were diagnosed as advanced, and only about 20% of the patients had surgical conditions. Liver metastasis is a sign of advanced stage of pancreatic cancer. Usually, surgeons only terminate the operation for

such patients after pathology. There are simultaneous pancreatectomy combined with liver metastasis resection, first pancreatectomy followed by liver metastasis resection, resection of pancreatic cancer combined with radio frequency ablation of liver metastasis, systemic chemotherapy combined with TACE treatment of liver metastasis, immunotherapy and so on. None of the above treatments is satisfactory. The purpose of this study is to summarize the single center experience of 125I seeds implantation combined with postoperative chemotherapy in the treatment of pancreatic cancer patients with unexpected liver metastasis. This study is overall very interesting, and the research objectives are achieved by the experiments used in this study. Minor comments: 1. The manuscript requires a minor editing. Some minor language polishing should be corrected. 2. The Figures and tables should move to the end of the text. And the references are also requiring an editing. 3. The discussion is good; however, the limit of the study should also be discussed.

Thank you for your advice.

After receiving the comments, we read the article carefully and found some small loopholes in the language of the article and made modifications. I moved the figures and tables to the end of the text. And I add the limit of the study.

According to the suggestion, we changed the relavant description.

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

Sincerely Yours,  
Chenggang Li