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Dear Editor:

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Enclosed please find the case report entitled " **A schwannoma mimicking pancreatic carcinoma: a case report** " by Koichi Kimura et al., which we wish to submit for possible publication in **World Journal of Clinical Cases**.

According to the valuable comments from the reviewers, the manuscript was revised. Any additional linguistic adjustment you care to make has our permission. Thank you for your kind considerations in advance.

Best regards

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Revised points:

Reviewer: 1

Thank you for your precious comments, and we are sure that they have definitely strengthened this manuscript.

1) The author just demonstrated the patient has a follow-up after the hepatectomy, but how long and how about the TNM staging? how many months or years after the HCC operation?

Thank you for your precious comment. The patient was performed right lobe hepatectomy for S5/6 hepatocellular (pathological stage: pT2N0M0 stageII carcinoma ten years and six months ago, and followed up for five years after hepatectomy. He was found pancreatic tumor accidentally in ultrasonography on a health examination.

Thus, the following sentences were added in the *Chief complaints* section (page 6, line 4-7) and *History of past illness* section (page 6, line 13-15).

A 66-year-old male who was followed-up after right lobe hepatectomy for hepatocellular carcinoma (pT2N0M0 stageII) secondary to a hepatitis B infection for ten years and six months. He was found pancreatic tumor accidentally in ultrasonography on a health examination.

The patient had a history of right lobe hepatectomy for S5/6 hepatocellular (pathological stage: pT2N0M0 stageII carcinoma ten years and six months ago, and followed up for five years after hepatectomy.

2) Some minimal errors should be corrected, for example, P7 line16, "duplication of with". Also, some linking verbs were misused, for example, in P3, line25 the linking verb should be is.

Thank you for your precious comments. I corrected the "duplication of with" sentences (page 7, line 20). Also, I corrected the verb to "is" (page 3, line 25-26).

3) The author conducted a distal pancreatectomy with splenectomy, why the author did not perform an intraoperative pathological diagnosis, and then according to the pathological diagnosis to choose a spleen-preserving pancreatic body and tail resection or middle pancreatectomy?

Thank you for your precious comments, and we absolutely agree with you. In the first place, we diagnosed the tumor as pancreatic carcinoma from several imaging examination before surgery, and we did not doubt the tumor as benign tumor. Distal pancreatectomy with splenectomy is a fixed form of operation for pancreatic carcinomas in pancreatic body or tail. We just only performed rapid pathological diagnosis of the stump of resected pancreas during surgery, and the results was negative. Moreover, there was severe adhesion from the history of right lobe hepatectomy in the intraperitoneal space, and the hypertrophy of the left lobe after right lobe hepatectomy made it difficult to acquire good surgical field of view. Actually, we could not preserve the splenic artery for those reasons .