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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: Alhazzani manuscript).

Title: Chronic abdominal pain secondary to mesenteric panniculitis treated successfully with EUS-guided celiac plexus block: a case report

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There were no special requests by the reviewers; we copied the reviewers' comments below, our responses are in blue, we did not make any changes to the manuscript based on the reviewers comments as no changes were required:

Reviewer 1:

Mesenteric panniculitis is a rare disorder that is characterized by chronic inflammation and fibrosis of the mesentery and with a severe abdominal pain. This paper reported a successful treatment to the symptom with EUS-guided celiac plexus block. This is actually the first report about the use of EUS-guided celiac plexus block method to relieve refractory abdominal pain in mesenteric panniculitis patient. I therefore recommend to publish the paper in the journal of the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.

**** We thank the reviewer for the through assessment of our manuscript.**

Reviewer 2:

This is case report on the use of endoscopic ultrasound guided celiac plexus block in a patient with refractory abdominal pain due to mesenteric panniculitis. The manuscript is well written and very original. The topic is very interesting.

**** We thank the reviewer for his/her comments.**

Reviewer 3:

This is an interesting and innovative approach of the management of refractory pain in mesenteric panniculitis. Patient investigation is also rational and complete. As expected from a case report, the long term results are unknown. It is also unclear whether schwannoma excision contributed to pain alleviation.

**** We thank the reviewer for his/her comments, we agree with that case reports are not enough to assess long term outcomes, we believe as we mentioned in our manuscript that future studies are warranted before this approach can be widely used.**

Reviewer 4:

Looks good to me. It is too bad that this is not a series to show that this really works.

** Thank you, we are that case series would more informative, but given the extremely low incidence of this disease, it will require years to collect the required number of cases.

We did review the manuscript as requested by the editorial office, we checked the paper using CrossCheck, and we confirm that the work is original and all references are accurate.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Waleed Alhazzani', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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