

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 29610 manuscript.doc).

Title: Helical tomotherapy for duodenal adenocarcinoma in an elderly patient: a case report.

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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

Reviewer No 1

- 1) As requested nodal metastases has been used throughout the paper
- 2) The typing error has been corrected
- 3) As requested, the acronyms GOT and GPT have been spelt out in full
- 4) We regret no further information is available on bio-pathological tumour features in this patient. Serum markers were not dosed and as the patient did not undergo surgery there are no data on vascular/neural infiltration or budding. The question of whether the tumour arose from a pre-existing adenoma is unresolved as we have no prior information. We have specified that whatever information we have derived from biopsy findings.
- 5) The reference has been included in the list as requested
- 6) In the abstract and discussion we have attempted to emphasize the usefulness of this RT approach in old to very old patients and others who are not candidates for surgery.
- 7) The acronyms in the tables have been expanded as requested
- 8) The typo has been corrected in "references"

Reviewer No 2

- 1) The word "elderly" has been into the title as suggested
- 2) We regret no further information is available on bio-pathological tumour features in this patient. Serum markers were not dosed and as the patient did not undergo surgery there are no data on vascular/neural infiltration or budding. The CT scan showed the Ampulla of Vater was not involved. The question of whether the tumour arose from a pre-existing adenoma is

unresolved as we have no prior information. We have specified that whatever information we have derived from biopsy findings.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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