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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It is a well written and discussed case report on a relatively uncommon entity. The images are excellent quality and illustrative. I have the following recommendations for improving the manuscript. 1. . In the introduction or discussion please include

incidence of pancreatic sarcomatoid carcinoma and carcinosarcoma; the rarity of this tumor is the only justification for additional case reports. 2. In the case report please add normal ranges for laboratory tests. 3. Clarify meaning of “sheet lesion” in radiologic description 4. After the statement: Died six months after surgery – please clarify if he died of recurrent disease/post-operative complications or unrelated cause. 5. In the paragraph: “A growing body of evidence suggests that most pancreatic carcinosarcomas are monoclonal tumors arising from differentiation of a single stem cell or a more complete EMT, compared with sarcomatoid carcinomas”; Please do not add to the confusion in this area, and modify the text to something like:” while there is substantial evidence that both carcinosarcomas and sarcomatoid carcinomas have epithelial origin, carcinosarcomas show a more complete EMT of the sarcomatoid component compared to SPC. 6. The text describes: Contrast-enhanced CT revealed a low-density round mass measuring about 1.5 cm × 1.1 cm in the pancreatic head. Further down in the text: Pathological examination revealed “ please describe correlation of pathologic findings with radiologic findings; was the radiologic estimation of tumor size right? or did it over/underestimate the tumor size. Please include final TNM pathologic stage. If the patient died of tumor recurrence, what was the expected survival of his specific TNM stage? 7. Please expand on the diagnostic categories included under the WHO classification of undifferentiated carcinomas of the pancreas that it encompasses: anaplastic giant cell, sarcomatoid and carcinosarcoma, and that the latter 2 are much less common than the former (anaplastic).

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