

Dear Editors and Reviewers:

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers' comments concerning our manuscript entitled "Scaphoid metastasis as the first sign of an occult gastroesophageal junction cancer: a case report" (ID 44749). The comments were all helpful when we were revising and improving our paper, and they have provided important guidance for our future research. We have studied the comments carefully and have made corrections that we hope will meet with your approval. The revised portions are marked in red or blue in the paper. The main corrections in the paper and the responses to the reviewers' comments are as follows:

Responses to the reviewers' comments:

Reviewer #1:

1. Response to comment: Please show lab data with the number and the unit.

Response: We have added the numbers and units to the laboratory data in the "*Laboratory examinations*" section.

2. Response to comment: Please show endoscopic findings with photo.

Response: Thank you for this valuable feedback. We have added the endoscopic findings in Figure 4.

3. Response to comment: 3. Please show the name of isotope used for PET-CT. Fluorodeoxyglucose?

Response: Thank you for pointing this out. 2-[<sup>18</sup>F] fluoro-2 deoxy-D-glucose (<sup>18</sup>F-FDG) is the isotope used for PET-CT. We have added this information in the "*Imaging examinations*" section and the legend of Figure 3.

4. Response to comment: It would be helpful to review the epidemiology of esophageal cancer with metastases to unexpected sites. See a previous literature; Gastroenterol Res Pract. 2017:1657310 reported by Shaheen O, et al.

Response: We are extremely grateful to Reviewer 1 for this advice. We have added the epidemiology of esophageal cancer with metastases to unexpected sites in paragraph 4 of the "**DISCUSSION**"

section. The corresponding references were rearranged.

Reviewer #2:

1. Response to comment: This paper is suitable for publication after deeply revising the language and grammar.

Response: We regret there were problems with the English. The paper has been carefully revised by a professional language editing service (AJE) to improve the grammar and readability. The language and grammar revised portion are marked in blue in the paper.

We tried our best to improve the manuscript and made changes in the manuscript based on the reviewers' comments. These changes did not influence the content or framework of the paper. We did not list the specific changes here but instead marked them in red or blue in the revised paper. We earnestly appreciate the work of the Editor and reviewers and hope that the corrections will meet with approval. Once again, thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.

Yours sincerely,

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