

## Answering reviewers

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Major revision

Specific Comments to Authors:

As a critical reader, I evaluated with interest the Editorial “Overview of ectopic pancreas” written by Li CF and colleagues. The text is well written, pleasant to read and provides important information for the management of ectopic pancreas in clinical practice. I think that to further improve the information contained in the Editorial, some corrections/suggestions are necessary to be made: Traditionally, an Editorial should comment on the strengths and gaps/limitations of a specific article or research. Therefore, it is important that authors include in the text of their editorial some paragraphs containing the strengths and gaps of the paper by Hui-Da Zheng and colleagues. In the “Core tip” section, the authors state that ectopic pancreas is a rare condition. However, in autopsy series, the incidence of ectopic pancreas ranges from 0.5 to 13% in the general population [References 1–4] Therefore, I suggest that the authors reevaluate this statement taking into account the references below [1-4] 1. Ryu DY, Kim GH, Park DY, et al. Endoscopic removal of gastric ectopic pancreas: an initial experience with endoscopic submucosal dissection. *World J Gastroenterol.* 2010;16(36):4589–4593. 2. DeBord JR, Majarakis JD, Nyhus LM. An unusual case of heterotopic pancreas of the stomach. *Am J Surg.* 1981;141(2):269–273. 3. Chandan VS, Wang W. Pancreatic heterotopia in the gastric antrum. *Arch Pathol Lab Med.* 2004;128(1):111–112. 4. Jiang LX, Xu J, Wang XW, et al.. Gastric outlet obstruction caused by heterotopic pancreas: A case report and a quick review. *World J Gastroenterol.* 2008;14:6757–59. In the “Conclusion” section it is important to emphasize that many patients with ectopic pancreas remain completely

asymptomatic throughout their lives and without developing any complications. Therefore, to avoid misleading recommendations regarding the management of ectopic pancreas, I suggest that the authors include the term symptomatic in the last line of their conclusions, i.e...Endoscopic treatment has been widely advocated in symptomatic ectopic pancreas.

Response: Thank you for your comment.

The strengths and gaps of the paper by Hui-Da Zheng and colleagues have been added in the TREATMENT section. “Zheng et al. reported that laparoscopic resection is better for large gastric ectopic pancreas with a deep origin, which has added new clue for the surgical treatment in the field of ectopic pancreas. Meanwhile, multicenter large-scale studies are needed to describe its characteristics and evaluate the safety due to the rarity of gastric ectopic pancreas[37].”

In the “Core tip” section, we have removed the statement “ectopic pancreas is a rare condition” and mentioned that “The incidence of ectopic pancreas ranges from 0.5 to 13% in the general population in autopsy series[7-10].” The [References 1–4] have been cited as 7-10.

In the “Conclusion” section, we have emphasized that “many patients with ectopic pancreas remain completely asymptomatic throughout their lives and without developing any complications. ” Besides, we have included the term symptomatic in the last line of the conclusions that “Endoscopic treatment has been widely advocated in symptomatic ectopic pancreas.”

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#### EDITORIAL OFFICE’S COMMENTS

(1) Science editor:

1 Conflict of interest statement: Academic Editor has no conflict of interest.

2 Scientific quality: The author submitted a study of overview of ectopic pancreas. The manuscript is overall qualified.

(1) Advantages and disadvantages: The reviewer have given positive peer-review reports for the manuscript. Classification: Grade C; Language Quality: Grade B. The text is well written, to further improve the information contained in the Editorial, some corrections/suggestions are necessary to be made: Traditionally, an Editorial should comment on the strengths and gaps/limitations of a specific article or research. Therefore, it is important that authors include in the text of their editorial some paragraphs containing the strengths and gaps of the paper by Hui-Da Zheng and colleagues.

Response: Thank you for your comment.

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(2) Main manuscript content: The author clearly stated the purpose of the study and the research structure is complete. However, the manuscript is still required a further revision according to the detailed comments listed below.

(3) Table(s) and figure(s): There are no Figures and 1 Table should be improved. Detailed suggestions for each are listed in the specific comments section.

(4) References: A total of 33 references are cited, including 8 published in the last 3 years.

The reviewer didn't request the authors to cite improper references published by him/herself.

3 Language evaluation: The English-language grammatical presentation needs to be improved to a certain extent. There are many errors in grammar and format, throughout the entire manuscript. Before final acceptance, the authors must provide the English Language Certificate issued by a professional English language editing company. Please visit the following website for the professional English language editing companies we recommend: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/gerinfo/240>.

Response: Thank you for your comment.

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4 Specific comments: (1) Please provide the filled conflict-of-interest disclosure form.

Response: Thank you for your comment.

The filled conflict-of-interest disclosure form has been provided.

(2) Please provide the PMID numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. If there is no PMID or DOI, please provide the website address.

Response: Thank you for your comment.

The references have been revised.

(3) The WJG article by Hui-Da Zheng which this editorial discussed has not been listed in the references list. Please add the WJG article which this editorial discussed into the main text and references list.

Response: Thank you for your comment.

The WJG article by Hui-Da Zheng which this editorial discussed has been added as reference [37] Zheng HD, Huang QY, Hu YH, Ye K, Xu JH. Laparoscopic resection and endoscopic submucosal dissection for treating gastric ectopic pancreas. World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery 2023, in press.

5 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

(2) Company editor-in-chief:

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, and full text of the manuscript, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors.

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Response: Thank you for your comment.

All of the comments have been addressed. The content has also been improved. The English language has been polished by a professional English language editing company, and the certificate has been uploaded.