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Title: Crohn's disease confined to the duodenum: A case report

Dear Editor,

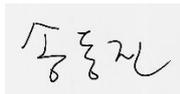
First of all, thank you for the opportunity to publish our manuscript in the WJCC.

The manuscript has been revised according to the reviewers' comments.

We appreciate all reviewers very much for helpful comments.

We hope that the revised manuscript would be suitable for publication.

Sincerely yours,



Dong Jin Song

<Reviewer 00503623>

The manuscript, ESPS 24328, is a case report presentation and describes a rare case of gastroduodenal Crohn's disease, diagnosed by careful clinical evaluation. The presentation is lucid, well focused, and supported by the interesting illustrations. Furthermore, the discussion is well supported by the pertinent literature.

Answer)

We appreciate the reviewer very much for the positive comments to our manuscript.

<Reviewer 00028569>

1. The statements are repetitive and do not enhance the value of the paper. I have taken the liberty of editing the manuscript which I hope will help the authors to both shorten the paper and eliminate at least half of its length.

Answer)

1) As the reviewer commented, I also agree that there are some repetitive and superfluous statements in the manuscript, which should be eliminated. We tried to shorten the paper by eliminating repetitive and less important sentences in the

manuscript.

- Abstract
 - : line 10 : including detailed history ~ laboratory investigations. → eliminated
- Introduction, paragraph 1,
 - : line 3 : and is associated with ~ and perforation → eliminated
- Introduction, paragraph 2,
 - : line 2 : The most common site ~ most frequent presentation → eliminated
 - : line 7 : including detailed history~ and histology → eliminated
- Introduction, paragraph 3,
 - : line 1 : As mentioned above, ~ rarely reported → eliminated
- Case, paragraph 2
 - : line 3 : Initial laboratory testing ~ on urine analysis
→ eliminated and replaced by the sentence "Initial laboratory tests were normal (Table 1)"
- Discussion, paragraph 1
 - : line 1 : can affect the entire length ~ mouth to anus, but → eliminated
- Discussion, paragraph 2
 - : line 1 : In North America ~ 100,000 persons years → eliminated
 - : line 2 : The prevalence of ~ in 2003-2004 → eliminated
 - : line 3 : The incidence and ~ 100,000 persons, respectively → eliminated
- Discussion, paragraph 4
 - : line 16 : including complete blood count ~ negative gastritis → eliminated
 - : line 18 : Ileocolonoscopy with biopsies ~ Crohn's disease → eliminated

2) Because the term 'Crohn's disease' is repeated many times in the text, this term is replaced by abbreviation. CD is the abbreviation for Crohn's disease

3) According to 'Guideline and Requirements for Manuscript Revision', Since there is no limit to the numbers of words in the manuscript, the revised manuscript should be well illustrated and very detailed. So, we would like to comment briefly on gastroduodenal CD in the introduction and then to describe in detail this including epidemiology, symptoms, diagnosis, management and complications in the discussion to help readers understand the study more easily. Unfortunately, although we tried to shorten the paper as much as possible, we could not eliminate at least half of its length.

2. Furthermore the number of references is much too many for support of the study and the authors should eliminate those which are superfluous as well as being more precise in matching them to the statements made in the text.

Answer)

Thank you for the suggestion. We checked again the references and eliminated superfluous and less important one. 15 references(#3, #5, #8, #15, #17, #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #25, #29, #30, #31 and #32) are eliminated and total 35 references are reduced to 20 references. And we checked the references again and again for matching them to the statement of text more precisely.

<Reviewer 00058378>

1. The paper, especially the discussion, is too long and should be shortened. The blood test, for example, can be summarized as well.

Answer)

Thank you for the suggestions. As mentioned above(Answer for reviewer 00028569), we tried to shorten the paper by eliminating repetitive and less important sentences in the manuscript. And we eliminated the laboratory data listed in the case of the text, which is replaced by the sentence 'Initial laboratory tests were normal (Table 1)' and summarized in the table 1.

2. As far as I understood, there is no biopsy, which proved the diagnosis of CD. The patient has just responded to corticosteroids, which makes CD likely. Please comment on that.

Answer)

I appreciate the reviewer very much for helpful comment. We added the sentence 'With respect to the patient's response to corticosteroid treatment, duodenal CD is more likely suggested.' in the case of the text.