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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is a case report on gastric mucormycosis and the respective F-18 FDG PET/CT results by Song BI. This is the first report describing the abnormal uptake on F-18 FDG PET in the stomach and lymph nodes of a patient with mucormycosis mimicking



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advanced gastric cancer. Can the author be more thorough about the follow up (result from gastroscopy, possible CT or FDG PET at follow up?). Why the endoscopist and the pathologist that were involved in the case are not included in the manuscript. I suggest that their comments will be included and possibly be included as co-authors. In our institution even in a case report there are used anonymous clinical data, written consent by the patient if the patient is alive is mandatory.

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This is an interesting rare case report of gastric mycomycosis mimicking gastric cancer also by PET CT scan. Finally histological diagnosis showed PAS positive fungi and treatment by amphotericin resulted in improvement. However some issues: 1. What was



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the cause of gastric mucomycosis in this case? Was the patient immunocompromised or did he receive corticoids or other immunomodulators for some reason? 2. In figure 1, except for large ulcer, one can huge amount of white liquid, which may lead to gastric fungal infection seen in immunocompromised patients. 3. What was the indication for PET scan? Was that for staging reasons? It would be advisable to wait first the histopathology and then to proceed to PET scan. 4. No figures after treatment or during sufficient follow-up were shown. Please add.

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