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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This report described a case of anaplastic carcinoma of the pancreas with cyst formation and reviewed 60 case reports, and concluded that cystic formation was common in anaplastic carcinoma and thus should be included in differential diagnosis of cystic neoplasm of the pancreas. 1. The nature of the cyst in this case appears to be hemorrhagic cyst or pseudocyst. It would be helpful to list the nature of the cyst in each case. Was there any case with dilated duct appearing as a cyst on imaging? 2. The assertion "Clinically the combination of severe anemia and laboratory data showing elevated leucocyte counts and serum CA19-9 levels might help differentiate ACP from other pancreatic neoplasms without requiring an invasive procedure" appears too strong. This conclusion should be substantiated by statistically significant difference between ACP and conventional ductal carcinoma, which was not provided. In addition, a comment on cystic formation in conventional ductal carcinoma may also be helpful. 3. Appropriate statistical analysis (such as Chi square) should be performed throughout the manuscript. 4. The authors are aware that the JPS classification is different from WHO classification, thus it would be helpful to use the WHO classification to attract



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This is a nicely written manuscript. However it requires some minor corrections before its publication as follows: 1. The abstract need to be corrected and should be more or rather correctly informative. in the 9th line authors observed 77% and 33% respectively but its not clear what two groups they are mentioning. Furthermore they write that including ACP in differential diagnosis..... To my understanding it is already included and therefore it is a wrong statement. It may be that because of its rare occurrence the diagnosis may be delayed due to unawareness. 2. In the case report there is a duplication of the information about serum level of CA19-9, please correct it 3. In the discussion part 5th para it will be more appropriate to write ' the finding..... of a large series....., rather than largest. similarly in the 6th para 5th line 'Clark reported a a study of the largest series' seems inappropriate . In the 14th line, it is not clear which relevant data authors are indicating. they should write survival analysis if that is the case. 4. Table1: the information about age and median tumour size should be removed and can be mentioned only in text as these information is not following the table format. Also please check the numbers of the patients with recurrence rate.



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authors write  $n = 34$  where as the summation of the individual recurrences is equal to 48 or they should clarify otherwise the numbers