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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The manuscript entitled 'Pancreaticoduodenectomy after neoadjuvant chemotherapy for gastric cancer invading the pancreatic head: A case report. The results showed that radical resection with PD after neoadjuvant chemotherapy plus trastuzumab is an option for locally advanced HER2-positive gastric cancer invading the pancreatic head in the absence of non-curative factors. This paper is of scientific interest; however, there are several minor issues that if addressed would significantly improve the manuscript. 1.This is a single case report. The sample size is small. How to avoid selective bias? 2.What is the safety of trastuzumab in the treatment of gastric cancer, especially in combination with other anti-tumor drugs? How to avoid side effects in combination therapy? 3.The author provided the time on the CT image in figure 2 and 5 4. Scale bar is needed in figure 3 and 7. 5.The references should be revised.

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This case report focused on a patient with locally advanced HER2-positive gastric cancer invading the pancreatic head, which was successfully treated with PD after neoadjuvant chemotherapy and anti-HER2 therapy. This manuscript is interesting, and it suggests that these patients might benefit from radical resection with PD after neoadjuvant chemotherapy plus trastuzumab. Here are some questions or advice: 1. Diagnosis of pancreatic head invasion is very important, and it is hard to distinguish cancerous invasion from desmoplastic reaction before surgical operation. For desmoplastic or inflammatory reaction, it is obviously unnecessary to perform PD that may cause fatal complications. Is it feasible to diagnose pancreatic head invasion through intraoperative pathological examination? If feasible, how to extract the tissue sample? 2. To show pancreatic invasion by cancer cells clearly, a pathological figure with high magnification should also be provided. 3. For gastric cancer patients, how many people have pancreatic invasion, and how many of them are free of non-curative factors? It seems necessary to discuss these issues to specify the clinical significance of PD and neoadjuvant chemotherapy in gastric cancer.

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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript provides a successful report of radical resection with PD after neoadjuvant S-1 plus oxaliplatin combined with trastuzumab in a patient with locally advanced gastric cancer invading the pancreatic head. The authors provided detailed clinical data and discussed in depth. It is an excellent piece of case report. I recommend publication in the journal without more modifications.

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