

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Although the incidence of heterotopic pancreas is relatively low, it is highly susceptible to misdiagnosis for clinician. This is a well-conducted study that reported symptomatic heterotopic pancreas and reviewed relevant literature, addressing an interesting problem for identifying clinical manifestations of heterotopic pancreas. I only have minor comments: 1) The scope of your study focuses on describing and characterizing the clinical manifestations for gastric and duodenal heterotopic pancreas, but the study's title is enlarged with heterotopic pancreas of the foregut. I thought it might be appropriate and inaccurate. It would be nice to have clinical manifestations of other site of foregut, including the small bowel, colon, gallbladder, spleen, esophagus and mediastinum. 2) The discussion part is confused and needed to be simplify and elaborate. 3) Your study actually did a lot of work, but as far as I know there are still some articles on imaging diagnosis or differential diagnosis that also included the symptoms of heterotopic pancreas, but why have you not included them? Will the inclusion of these results increase the sample size of your study?

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Title: Clinical Classification of Symptomatic Heterotopic Pancreas of the Foregut: A Case Series and Systematic Review of the Literature This manuscript has reviewed HP and classified the common clinical manifestations. This issue is important and interesting. However, it will require some revision before publication. 1, The authors classified the common clinical manifestations of HP. Is this classification useful to make accurate diagnosis of HP and to reduce unnecessary surgical resection? In addition, how do the authors select treatment for each classification of HP?

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### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

In this study, the clinical manifestations of gastrointestinal ectopic pancreas were highly summarized and carefully analyzed, which is of certain value for clinical diagnosis. However, some of the most common clinical manifestations are not specific, so the reference value is limited. In addition, this study did not analyze the difference between different treatment methods and patients' prognosis.

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1. Have you ever use tumor maker to detect the GI tract tumor ? The clinical manifestations of heterotopic pancreas may be asymptomatic; if symptomatic, it can manifest as abdominal pain, GI bleeding, intussusception, or pancreatitis. Additionally, when heterotopic neoplasm occurs, there may be a mild elevation in the serum amylase level or tumor markers.

2. Have you ever use enteroscopy for the the GI tract tumor ? Small intestinal heterotopic pancreas is usually difficult to diagnose preoperatively. In the past, most cases of small intestinal heterotopic pancreas were diagnosed in laparotomies or autopsies. Recently, a few cases of small intestinal heterotopic pancreas were diagnosed by deep enteroscopy or capsule endoscopy.

3. Do your study mention about other diagnositc methods for clinical symptoms ? Conventionally, surgical resection is the mainstay method for treating small intestinal heterotopic pancreas. However, endoscopic resection via deep enteroscopy is an alternative method.

4. Your reference may consider to add this paper as below, it may be helpful for your study A Rare Cause of Elevated Serum CA19-9. -Wei Chou 1, Kai-Po Chang 2, Yi-Hua Wu 3. *Gastroenterology*. 2021 Jan;160(1):31-32.

5. This Retrospective Cohort Study has good potential, but needs to clearly disclose which article are the source of the cases cited in the review. It should specify how many cases were contributed by each source article, which is currently lacking.



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

This is a valuable review of a very rare entity combining the authors' clinical series with a systematic review of the literature. The resulting clinical classification of symptomatic heterotopic pancreas brings an additional value to the report. I support the publication of this valuable material.

## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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

Dear Authors, I am very glad to be able to participate in the re-review of your manuscript. The revised manuscript basically meets the requirements for publication. I suggest that HP in Table 1 and NOS in Table 3 be noted. Sincerely yours