

## **Part I. Reviewer and Editorial Office's comments:**

### **Reviewer #1:**

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: This is a well-drafted case report and literature review about pancreatic cancer with synchronous liver and colon metastases.

The authors prepared their manuscript according to the CARE Checklist.

Minor changes are required: 1. Page 8, line 174, the word tree should be three.

2. Page 9, lesions in the pancreas and colon were identified simultaneously in four of these cases and only one pancreatic cancer patient was presented with synchronous colon and liver metastases, please cite the references. 3. Minor English polishing is required avoiding any typos or grammatical errors.

### **EDITORIAL OFFICE'S COMMENTS**

Authors must revise the manuscript according to the Editorial Office's comments and suggestions, which are listed below:

(1) Science editor: 1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a rare case of primary pancreatic cancer with synchronous liver and colon metastases. The topic is within the scope of the WJG. (1) Classification: Grade B; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: This is a well-drafted case report and literature review about pancreatic cancer with synchronous liver and colon metastases.

(3) Format: There are 4 figures and 1 table; (4) References: A total of 21 references are cited, including 11 references published in the last 3 years; (5) Self-cited references: There are no self-cited references. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade B. A language editing certificate was provided. 3 Academic norms and rules: The authors provided Written informed consent. No academic misconduct was found by the Google search. 4 Supplementary comments: No financial support was obtained for the study. 5 Issues raised: (1)

What was the level of ALT, AST, direct bilirubin and alkaline phosphatase in this patient? (2) Please, correct "CA724' as "CA72-4". (3) Please, specify the upper limit of the norm for oncomarkers. (4) The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure files. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor; 6 Re-Review: Required. 7 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

(2) Company editor-in-chief: I recommend the manuscript to be published in the World Journal of Clinical Cases.

## **Part II. Response to reviewer and Editorial Office's comments:**

### **Reviewer #1:**

1. Page 8, line 174, the word tree should be three.

**Response:** We are very sorry for the typo. The word "tree" has been corrected as "three" on Page 8, line 181 of the revised manuscript. The new sentence reads as follows: "Abdomen MRI showed partial response in the pancreas and liver lesion after treatment for three cycles of FOLFIRINOX, thus the patient continued to receive the chemotherapy."

2. Page 9, lesions in the pancreas and colon were identified simultaneously in four of these cases and only one pancreatic cancer patient was presented with synchronous colon and liver metastases, please cite the references.

**Response:** Thank you for pointing this out. The references 5-8 has been added on Page 9, line 197 of the revised manuscript, and the new sentence reads as follows: "Lesions in the pancreas and colon were identified simultaneously in four of these cases, but only one pancreatic cancer patient was presented with synchronous colon and liver metastases [5-8]."

3. Minor English polishing is required avoiding any typos or grammatical errors.

**Response:** We regret there were problems with the English. The paper has been carefully revised by us to improve the grammar and readability.

### **EDITORIAL OFFICE'S COMMENTS**

1. What was the level of ALT, AST, direct bilirubin and alkaline phosphatase in this patient?

**Response:** The level of alanine aminotransferase (ALT), aspartate

aminotransferase (AST), direct bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase was 20.6 U/L, 23.5 U/L, 19.9  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  and 380.7 U/L, respectively. We understand the concern of the editor, and have added the test values of ALT, AST, direct bilirubin and alkaline phosphatase to the revised paper on pages 6, lines 125-132 as follows: “Blood chemistry tests showed an increase in total bilirubin (32.3  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ ; normal range: 0-21.0  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ ), direct bilirubin (19.9  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ ; normal range: 0-8.6  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ ),  $\gamma$ -glutamyltransferase (785.1 U/L; normal range: 0-50 U/L), alkaline phosphatase (380.7 U/L; normal range: 45-125 U/L) and lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) (481.2 U/L; normal range: 40-250 U/L), but emerged as normal values for alanine aminotransferase (ALT) (20.6 U/L; normal range: 0-40 U/L), aspartate aminotransferase (AST) (23.5 U/L; normal range: 0-40 U/L).”

2. Please, correct "CA724" as "CA72-4".

**Response:** Thank you for pointing this out. The word "CA724" has been corrected as "CA72-4" on Page 6, line 135.

3. Please, specify the upper limit of the norm for oncomarkers.

**Response:** Thank you for pointing this out. The upper limit of the norm for oncomarkers has been specified in the revised manuscript as follows: “The level of serum tumor marker was significantly elevated for carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA) (198 ng/mL; normal range: 0-5.0 ng/mL), CA125 (204.2 U/mL; normal range: 0.1-35 U/mL), CA15-3 (285.5 U/mL; normal range: 0.1-30 U/mL), CA72-4 (65.69 U/mL; normal range: 0.1-10 U/mL), CYFRA21-1 (18.35 ng/mL; normal range: 0.1-4.0 ng/mL), NSE (50.39 ng/mL; normal range: 0-24 ng/mL), and SCC (4.0 ng/mL; normal range: <1.8 ng/mL). However, the values of CA19-9 (21.25 U/mL) and alpha fetoprotein (AFP) (2.08 ng/mL) were not abnormal (normal range: 0.1-37 U/mL and 0-20 ng/mL, respectively).” from Page 6, line 134 to Page 7, line 140.

4. The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure files. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor;

**Response:** We are sorry for the lack of original figure files. Original pictures have been submitted together with other files to F6Publishing as required.