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Dear Editor,

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers

Reviewer #1:

1) Offer complete retrieval approach and the search strategy.

We have offered the retrieval strategy and process in the article. **(see Page3: material and methods and page 12: figure 3)**

2) The Meta - analysis? Maybe named meta - short or systematic review

We completely agree with this valuable suggestion by the reviewer. We imitate meta-analysis method to merge the case reports. Therefore, we think that the subject with the overview and meta- analysis may be more close to the content.

Reviewer #2:

This is an interesting study. Please change the title to: 'Pancreatic melanoma: a case report and systematic review of the literature' or something similar.

We completely agree with this valuable suggestion by the reviewer. We imitate meta-analysis method to merge the case reports. Therefore, we think that the subject may be "Pancreatic melanoma: a case report and systematic review of the literature".

Reviewer #3:

1) Search strategy is not really clear as 313 abstracts were screened; however, 397 articles were excluded from 313.

We are very sorry for our incorrect writing. It should be 297 instead of 397. We have revised.

2) One study was not case report. If it was case series, it should be also included. Abbreviations should be defined in the text and minor English revision is also necessary.

We cannot extract the detail from that study. And our inclusion criteria was case report, so that article was excluded.

3) Please clarify whether median survival was 10 months or 6-12 months.

The result from this study was 10 months. 6-12 months was from literature records. Our result was in accordance with that of the literature. We have given the references.

4) In the table, for cases whom were diagnosed by CT, MRI or PET, please report if Ultrasonography was normal or not-reported.

Some articles reported the method of diagnosis included CT, MRI or PET and some included ultrasonography.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Meta-Analysis*.

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