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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: ChuanliRen-review.doc).

Title: Unusual Early-Stage Sarcomatoid Carcinoma of the Pancreas

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

1 The title was revised as Unusual Early-Stage Sarcomatoid Carcinoma of the Pancreas. The running title is revised as “case of sarcomatoid carcinoma from pancreas”; Author contributions: Chuan-Li Ren, Ping Jin, Qin Xiao, Lin Shi, Hui Chen performed the majority of experiments; Dao-Rong Wang, Lin Shi, Da-Xin Wang provided vital reagents and analytical tools and were also involved in editing the manuscript; Chuan-Li Ren, Hui Chen designed the study, wrote the manuscript and provided support for this work; Core tip was added in the manuscript.

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

(1) The data of computed tomography before surgery was recorded in the case history but it was not kept in the computer. So we can't put the figure of computed tomography before surgery in the manuscript. In the title, the “Unusual” means that the case is very rare and the prognosis seems good, which implies this case is “Unusual”. In the patients and methods, “twelve patients with PDAC, but N=20 in Table 2”. We made a mistake and the twelve was revised as twenty. Dr. Xiaoqin is pathologist. From Fig2F in the manuscript, we can find that vimentin-positive cells are tumor cells and fibroblast. According to the paper (Cancer Cell. 2012,22(5):571-84) and our case report, we conclude that TGFbeta and IL-11 were secreted from or tumor stroma. As these cytokines originate from tumor stroma, the plasma levels of these cytokines may be reduced after the surgery. We regret that we haven't acquired these data.

(2)As the acquired the tumor tissue is very difficult for us, we didn't performed the histopathological and immunohistochemical. We agree that histopathological and immunohistochemical analysis TGF- β , IL-11 of this tumor can be perfect for this manuscript. With regard to Figure 2, we have added two new references to support our hypothesis. In abstract and manuscript, tumor size measured by ultrasonography was written by mistake. The "cm" was revised as "mm".

3 References and typesetting were corrected in the manuscript.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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