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Dear Editor,

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Title: CHRONIC PANCREATITIS AS PRESENTATION OF CROHN'S DISEASE IN A CHILD

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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 reviewer

Reviewer 1

This is really an interesting case report of chronic pancreatitis as presentation of Crohn disease in a child. Some suggestion is followed.

1. The same cases were seen in the reference 2 in 2011 when there were 6 pediatric patients with Crohn disease presenting as acute pancreatitis among them 2 children aged 3 and 9 and the conclusion of authors was Crohn disease presenting as acute pancreatitis more frequent among the pediatric population with Crohn disease in comparison to adults. The other cases were also found in the reference 3 that the data was reviewed retrospectively the pancreatitis in 97 pediatric patients with Crohn disease. Therefore, the authors have not reported the first pediatric case of chronic pancreatitis as picture of presentation Crohn disease.

The other pediatric cases were all cases referred to acute pancreatitis and not to chronic pancreatitis as in our case

2. Acute pancreatitis was observed in one child with Crohn disease each in reference 5 and 6, two adolescent girls aged 15 and 18 in reference 7 and five patients in reference 8, so totally 9 cases, not 16 cases were reported in the references from 5 to 8.

See the change

3. The upper endoscopy was used instead of gastroscopy.

See the change

4. The reference 4 is same as reference 5.

See the change

Reviewer 2

The study by Knafelz D. et al., reported a case of a pediatric patient suffering idiopathic chronic pancreatitis before the development of the inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD) known as Crohn's Disease (CD). The results of this case report are very interesting and enlightening regarding clinical practice, especially with pediatric patients, because there are not enough evidences in the literature connecting idiopathic chronic pancreatitis, with the IBD and more precisely with CD. However I have few suggestions regarding some points of the manuscript:

1- To structure the manuscript. Text will be more feasible to read if authors divide the case report in "Introduction", "Case report" and "Discussion".

We cannot structure the manuscript as required because it is a letter.

3- To check grammar and spelling of manuscript, in order to polish the text.

See the changes in the text

Reviewer 3

This manuscript is a case report. The author reported that a child case progressively developed the features of a chronic pancreatitis before the diagnosis of Crohn's Disease. So it is concluded that the idiopathic chronic pancreatitis may be an unusual presentation of Crohn's Disease in children. An early coincidental diagnosis of the inflammatory bowel disease may delay the progression of the pancreatic disease. This case report is interesting, which help readers further to understand the pathogenesis of inflammatory bowel disease

1) The case report is important clinical significance to guide the diagnosis and treatment for the idiopathic chronic pancreatitis caused by inflammatory bowel diseases(IBD) in children .

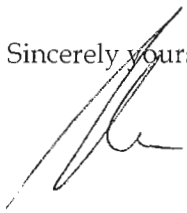
2) The article can be published in the form of case report in world J Gastroenterology after the description of report is simplified and the typical figures of diagnosis and treatment are supplied.

I thank you for this suggestion but the Editor required the manuscript as Letter.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,



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