

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

We thank the reviewer for comment and provide our responses.

**Title:** Two Cases of Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma with Intrapancreatic Metastasis

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The manuscript has been revised in accordance with the reviewers' suggestions:

1. Below are our responses to the reviewer's comment:

Reviewer #1:

The case report from Dr. Yusuke Fujita detailly described clinical-pathological characteristics and follow-up information of two cases of intrapancreatic metastasis of pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC). The author also systematically reviewed previous publications and pointed out how to discriminate multicentric carcinogenesis from intrapancreatic metastasis. Moreover, the author described how to detect intrapancreatic metastasis by image technique (endoscopic ultrasound and intraoperative ultrasound) or serial slices of 5-mm thickness of resected specimen. It is expected that more intrapancreatic metastasis will be diagnosed by those procedures. Finally, the intrapancreatic metastasis may contributed to the poor prognosis for some PDAC patients. In general, this case report has clinical value and should be helpful for the post-surgery treatment of PDAC.

Response: Thank you for your comments.

2. Below are our response to editor's suggestions in edited manuscript file.

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Thank you again for your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

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