Reviewer's report

Title: Synchronous carcinoid and gastrointestinal stromal tumour of the stomach: a case report.

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The author report their experience with a case of gastric carcinoid followed by GIST and a second carcinoid, this is an interesting case and represents a further documentation of this phenomenon. It also underscores the importance of getting biopsy of metachronous lesions.

However some points need be addressed before publication:

Minor Essential Revisions:

1. The number of reported cases is not only 2; Maiorana et al (Arch Pathol Lab Med 2000) described one other case. This should be quoted. Also, in the review by agaimy et al (Semin Diagn Pathol, 2006) a total of 13 carcinoid tumors were associated with GIST, 4 of the carcinoids arose in the stomach. The author should focus on these relevant papers and not on review-type data on GIST and their treatment as this is not the focus of their paper).

2. Abstract: it has never been previously described a similar combination of clinical..
   This is clearly overdressing and should be omitted.

3. Introduction:
   GISTs show a clear predilection for the gastrointestinal tract.. this makes no sense as GISTs are by definition gastrointestinal neoplasms.

4. significant parameters..you mean prognosis parameters?

5. Discussion/Conclusion:
   it has never been formerly described a similar combination of clinical and histopathological characteristics. Please correct sentence for symantic and grammer.

6. Furthermore, our case seems to be the first concerning a male patient.
   This is also irrelevant as gender is not a peculiarity in carcinoid or GIST tumors.

7. localized within deeper levels..I think you mean within deeper layers…
**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.