



Image of the month

A giant pancreatic Frantz tumor[☆]

Tumor de Frantz gigante

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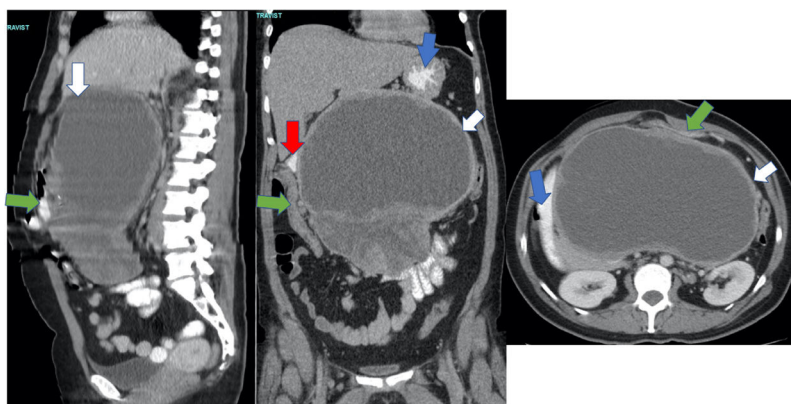


Fig. 1



Fig. 2

The patient is a 45-year-old woman with increased abdominal girth and anorexia. She presented a palpable, mobile mass that occupied the entire abdomen. CT scan showed a cyst-like mass with papillae, calcifications and solid nodules that was compressing the stomach and duodenum and caudally displaced the transverse colon. The mass measured 23 × 12 × 13 cm (Fig. 1) and was compatible with solid pseudopapillary tumor of the pancreas (Fig. 2). We performed distal pancreatectomy.

Pseudopapillary tumors are a rare neoplasm of the pancreas (1%–3%). They are considered benign, although 10%–15% are malignant. There are no predictive criteria for their evolution. The treatment of choice is surgical resection, although it may require chemo-radiotherapy.

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