LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Anti-Cytokeratin CAM 5.2 (Becton Dickinson) is not synonymous with CK8/18 monoclonal antibody. Comment on “Pancreatic-type mixed acinar-endocrine carcinoma with alpha-fetoprotein production arising from the stomach: a report of an extremely rare case. Med Mol Morphol (2009) 42:167–174”

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CK 8/18. This letter, hereby, can help us elucidate the point that anticytokeratin CAM 5.2 (B.D.) is not synonymous with the cytokeratin 8/18 monoclonal antibody.

To the Editor:

In the recent report of one interesting case, entitled “Pancreatic-type mixed acinar-endocrine carcinoma with alpha-fetoprotein production arising from the stomach: a report of an extremely rare case,” in *Medical Molecular Morphology* (2009) 42:167–174, we found that the authors may have inadvertently annotated, in Table 1 of that article, that the antibody to CK8/18 was derived from clone “CAM5.2,” Becton Dickinson (BD), San Jose, CA, USA [1].

In 1997, Becton Dickinson Biosciences (San Jose, CA, USA) revised the data sheet for CAM 5.2, which gave the primary reactivity as cytokeratin 8 and, to a lesser extent, for the closely related cytokeratin 7. On the other hand, it shows no reactivity with 18 or 19 [2,3]. We would like to clarify that CAM 5.2 (Becton Dickinson) does not stand for

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