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Dear Dr Uomo and editorial board members:

Please find enclosed herewith an original manuscript "Horseshoe shaped pancreas" to be considered for publication in your journal as "Multimedia articles".

Although we have processed over 1700 pancreata from deceased donors for islet isolation and transplantation during the past 30 years at the University of Alberta, Canada, we have never encountered this unusual variant. We believe that the image would be of great interest to pancreatic surgeons and researchers working on pancreas development. In addition, this report is unique in that clear image of the whole pancreas is provided. This kind of image cannot be captured in clinical practice and thus has rarely been documented in the literatures.

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Sincerely,

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