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I would firstly like to thank the reviewers for their thoughtful feedback.

In response to reviewer 01170767: I agree that miRNA and major exomes are areas of great interest. I have edited the manuscript to include a paragraph on miRNA and its relevance to pancreatic cancer. In this I have referenced some small but interesting studies looking at miRNA in pancreatic cancer, both from biopsy and serum samples. I felt that it was not within the scope of this article to go further into this topic at the current time as this is such early technology.

In response to reviewer 01573525: many thanks for your comments. As per these I have amended the list of genetic syndromes on page 1 to include Peutz-Jeghers and familial melanoma, referencing the article by Ghiorzo et al.

I have amended the paragraph on page 9 to read "Trial evidence to date suggests that identification of CTCs and ctDNA could..."

I have referenced the two papers on screening in pancreatic cancer to show that there is some evidence in support of this for high risk individuals, although it is not currently recommended in guidance.

Yours sincerely.

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