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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 3097-review.doc).



**Title:** Is Diabetes Mellitus a Risk Factor for Pancreatic Cancer?

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

**Reviewer 1**

**Question.** This paper is well written although the data is a little brief. I suggest to add a table showing the results from the most important studies in this field.

**Answer.** We agree with reviewer comment and a Table showing the results of the published meta-analyses has been added.

**Reviewer 2**

**Question.** AA are kindly requested to check the acronym IGT...impaired...

**Answer.** Done

**Reviewer 3**

The manuscript "Diabetes Mellitus as a Risk Factor for Pancreatic Cancer" is focused on a very interesting topic. I think the Authors should be improve the manuscript, before publication, in some points

**Question 1.** The title is not adequate to the text of the manuscript. I think the title should be more a question than a sentence.

**Answer.** We agree with the reviewer comment and the title has been modified

**Question 2.** The volume of literature analyzed by the authors is adequate to a review. Anyway the analysis in the text is not very clear and easy understandable for the readers. The authors should organize the text in a more "rational" way and they should add some tables resuming the data of literature.

**Answer.** We agree with reviewer comment and a Table showing the results of the published meta-analyses has been added.

**Question 3.** The conclusions are very synthetic. Even if, as the authors underlined, the problem of the association between diabetes and pancreatic cancer, remain partially open, I think an interesting discussion, even regarding the perspectives of diabetes screening in order to identify early pancreatic lesions, should be done.

**Answer.** We have indicated in the text (Page 6, lines 2 and 3) that the diabetes screening in order to identify early pancreatic lesions is not suggested.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raffaele Pezzilli'.

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