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Dear Editor,

please find enclosed the revised manuscript in Word format (file name "Revised manuscript").

Title: Pancreaticoduodenectomy in patients ≥ 75 years of age: are there any differences with other age ranges in oncological and surgical outcomes? Results from a tertiary referral center.

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Thank you very much for your kind e-mail, which gave us the possibility to revise our manuscript.

We emended the paper according to the reviewers' comments. We hope this revision will make our manuscript better to be accepted in your journal.



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Each comment has been answered accordingly in the manuscript and each text that has been altered was highlighted red in the revised manuscript.

We hope that the revised version will fulfill the requirements for publication in the World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Thank you very much.

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Reply to reviewer's comments

This is very interesting study which is well designed. The followings are minor comments. (1) There are no information of exact total number of cases in A and YE groups, including the text and table. (2) Eighty-hundreds sixty-seven patients means 8067. Is this true. It seems to me that it is eight hundred sixty seven (867).

Answer: thanks for the comment. Regarding question 1, in the results section of the main text you can find this sentence "Hence the final index population was made of 96 subjects, as well as the control groups YE and A". In table 2 (last line) the total number of patients for each group is reported too. However, we wrote a sentence in the abstract too to clarify this aspect.

Question 2, thanks for the correction, the exact number is eight hundred sixty seven (867).



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Thank you for considering the review.

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