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2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade B. 3 Academic norms and rules: No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. No financial support was obtained for the study. The topic has not previously been published in the WJG. 5

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6 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

Reviewer #1: I've read the article by Sibio S. et al and I share the authors opinion about the importance of Central Vascular Ligation and the preservation of an intact Mesocolic and/or Mesorectal envelop. I think that this review should be focused only on colorectal cancer. Gastric and pancreatic tumors are completely different entities. They comport with different ways, the blood supply is more complicated and the surgeons that perform gastrectomies and pancreatectomies are not colorectal surgeons. Since this article does not fulfill the PRISMA criteria, I think that the article type should be changed from Review to Opinion Review or Editorial.

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