

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6901-review.doc).

**Title:** Neoadjuvant Strategies for Pancreatic Cancer

**Authors:** Polistina F, Di Natale G, Bonciarelli G, Ambrosino G, Frego M.

**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

**ESPS Manuscript NO:** 6901

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer:

### Reviewer 1

1. The authors described the radiologic method for staging work up "stages of pancreatic cancer" session. This is not matched. The title has to be changed, or authors commented the "stage" of the pancreatic cancer.

*I apologize, it was a mistake, now the title has been changed in "staging of pancreatic cancer" as required*

2. "basis for neoadjuvant therapy" The author should cited the reference for the sentence "Recent meta-analysis done on early published~~in the 4th paragraph.

*Correct, now the reference is correctly cited in the text*

3. "Neoadjuvant chemotherapy for LAPC and BRPC" The data cited in this session were almost done for the metastatic pancreatic cancer as palliative treatment, not for the neoadjuvant aims. The objective of neoadjuvant and palliative is quite different, so authors commented "right data" as references

*Once again you're right, some confusion has been elicited by the original mistake of uploading the file without tables. By inserting tables now the data are clearer. Thank you very much for the time that you dedicated to our work.*

### Reviewer 2

The review is aimed to an important and actual issue, as is outlined by the title of the paper, and well summarized in the abstract. Materials and Methods section should be presented, in which limits and types of the studies enclosed in the review should be detailed, and a flow chart expressing the criteria of inclusion would be appreciated as far as a table comparing the different studies.

Nevertheless, references are well updated and the results are presented in a simple and effective mode. Some minor language polishing are needed.

*Since the present paper is not a meta-analysis, I was not sure that including a materials and methods section in a review article was fitting the editorial guidelines for the journal since I did not find any in all the past published reviews, anyway I prepared a paragraph and ask the editors if they feel it may be admitted in the journal setting.*

*On the other side you are completely right, in the file that I uploaded the tables had been prepared separately and I did not realize the mistake, now they've been added to the text and the paper appear to be much more clear then before.*

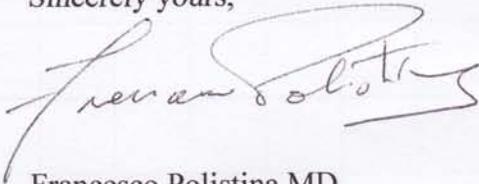
*Text has been edited by "the American Manuscript editor"*

*Once again thank you very much for the time dedicated to our job*

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Francesco Polistina'.

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