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Title: Review of the Diagnosis, Classification and Management of Autoimmune Pancreatitis

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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 No. 1. This review focus on the current information regarding the pathology of autoimmune pancreatitis, clinical features, differential diagnosis, and treatment. Although some aspects of type 2 autoimmune pancreatitis have been comments, the review describes main aspects of type 1 autoimmune pancreatitis, a form of chronic disease involving multiorgan disease. Classification, epidemiology, clinical and diagnosis aspects, and therapeutical approaches, have been well-revised and updated. The reader will obtain information of interest regarding all these aspects of this disease.

This review is very positive and calls for no changes.

Reviewer No. 2. This review approaches the diagnostic and therapeutic aspects of Autoimmune Pancreatitis at a basic level, still useful for a practical management of the disease. The manuscript is well structured and includes all the main aspects useful for the clinical practise; the exposure is clear, and the references appear to be sufficiently completed and up to date. The figures reported and the tables are explanatory. I have just to suggest some minor revisions: - Due to the importance of histology for diagnosis, as rightly several times repeated in the text, the manuscript could be improved and completed with pictures illustrating the morphologic aspects of the two types of AIP. It should be interesting and in

line with the scope of this review. - All the abbreviations should be explained: for example “EUS” as “Endoscopic Ultra Sound (EUS)”, or “FNA” as “Fine-needle aspiration biopsy (FNA)”. - There are some type errors in the punctuation and repetitions in brackets.

Another very positive review.

Unfortunately, I have no suitable histological images. The pathological features have been well described in the text and written by an experienced hepatobiliary pathologist.

All abbreviations are now fully described and punctuation corrected.

Reviewer No. 3. This is excellent review on autoimmune pancreatitis, particularly overall review of all aspects of this special inflammatory disease. This is important subject, it is necessary to have a more focus review, particularly on pathogenesis and mechanism.

We thank the reviewer. The pathogenesis is as fully described as current knowledge allows.