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Dear Editors,

We are sending the revised version of the manuscript entitled "**Epidemiology of pancreatic cancer**", reference number ID 03104242, by authors Milena Ilic and Irena Ilic, as a clean copy and copy with each revision highlighted by using the track changes mode in MS Word, together with answers to your comments and those of the reviewers.

Thank you again for the opportunity to publish our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,
Prof. dr Milena Ilic

Answer to the Editorial comment

We very much appreciate your valuable suggestions and kind advice, which were very useful for improving the manuscript.

Comment 1:

This file must be signed by the corresponding author and provided in a PDF format, and the statement must also be mentioned as a footnote in the manuscript text.

Answer:

Thank you very much for this suggestion. The file ('28514-Conflict-of-interest statement') was signed by the corresponding author and provided in a PDF format.

Comment 2:

Please provide the decomposable figure of Figures, whose parts are movable and can be edited. So please put the original picture as word or ppt or excel format so that I can edit them easily.

Answer:

We thank you for your encouragement regarding the graphical representation of our results. We sent all Figures in word format.

Answers to the Reviewer's comments:

Authors are grateful to the Reviewer's positive and encouraging comments and suggestions. Text has been revised to incorporate answers to reviewer's comments.

Reviewer's comments:

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting revision about epidemiology of pancreatic cancer. On page 6 at the beginning of penultimate line started with at least I suggest to change for the least deaths were ... Figures are illustrative but figures 6 and 7 only reflects 7 countries not 8 that is written on the text.

Answer:

Thank you very much for your valuable comments.

You are right.

I am grateful to the reviewer for noticing this omission.

Correction was made in the revised manuscript.

In the corrected manuscript, on page 6 at the beginning of penultimate line we have changed words 'at least' with the words 'the least'.

And (page 8 / paragraph 3 / line 21), instead of '8', we entered 'several'.

We hope that those sentences are the answers to your comments. Again, we appreciate all of your valuable comments. Thank you for taking the time and energy to help us improve the manuscript.

Note:

Our manuscript is a Review and we provided all the following documents as listed below:

- 1 28514-Revised manuscript
- 2 28514-Answering reviewers
- 3 28514-Copyright assignment
- 4 28514-Audio core tip
- 5 28514-Conflict-of-interest statement
- 6 28514-Google Scholar
- 7 28514-CrossCheck

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8 28514-Language certificate.

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