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Dear Editor and Reviewers,

Thank you very much for taking the time to review our paper and consider it for revision.

Please find below each reviewer's comment with our response. Changes to the text and tables in the manuscript are highlighted in yellow.

Reviewer #1: This is very tough issue about the diagnosis and treatment of pancreatic cancer in the era of COVID-19 pandemic. Oncological treatment protocols must adapt to this new health threat for patient and medical staff to minimize morbidity and maximize survival. How to avoid COVID-19 infection during diagnosis and treatment process? How about the vaccine inoculation for the pancreatic cancer patients ?

Response: Thank you for your review and comments. Tele-medicine can lessen the impact of restrictive social distancing on multi-disciplinary patient counseling, although it does not resolve the need for infusion visits, radiation simulation and treatment sessions, hospital admissions, imaging studies, laboratory visits and maintaining the minimal requirements for patients involved in clinical trials. We added a sentence regarding the benefit of COVID-19 vaccination.

Reviewer #2: The topic of the manuscript is interesting and attractive to audience. The paper suffers from statistical study and charts that support their findings.

Response: Thank you for your review and comments. As this study is an expert opinion and introduce our method to manage patients with pancreatic cancer, we did not include our data in this study. Our next step is to perform an institutional review of our patients and present our results in the next paper.

We again thank all of you for the opportunity to have our work considered for publication.

Sincerely,

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