

The manuscript by Yu-hua Zhang reviews minimal invasive surgery for pancreatic cancer. The topic is interesting and timely, and the review is –in general- well written and the relevant literature is cited and discussed. However, there are a number of points that should be addressed: ? There are a number of somewhat awkward statements such as for example ?reducing damage to the patients“, “the golden criteria for resection” and others. The manuscript would need thorough editing regarding grammar and style. ? The statement regarding R0 resection is not completely correct. R0 is indeed an important prognostic factor; however, most pancreatic cancer resections are R1 resections and long term survival is possible even for R1 resections. ? The summary about laparoscopic surgery should be toned down; most data is from non-randomized retrospective series. ? The authors should highlight that this is not a systematic review. Nonetheless, the authors should state how the literature was reviewed and how the included articles were selected.

Answer to reviewer:

1: We have deleted all the statements reviewer mentioned.

2: With regard to R0 resection, in our manuscript we suggested that artery first and combined vein resection could improve R0 resection and R0 resection could improve survival, of course there were a group of patient underwent R1 resection with long-term survival.

3: We have revised summary according to the reviewer's opinion.

4: This is definitely not a systematic review and we have revised and stated in our manuscript.