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

1. References have been updated and formatted.
2. The COMMENTS section has been added.
3. All documents required have been provided.

We appreciate the comment of peer-reviewer and response as follows:

Comment: Your research is original and very interesting for publication. I think that maybe it is a small number of patients and that you can collect in the future more and then again do this research and see if it will be statistically different.

Response: Indeed, only a relative small sample size of patients were identified as the ones with resectable primary PDAC and synchronous liver metastasis, who underwent either simultaneous resections or palliative surgical bypass, despite a time span of 8 years. We have considered to further conduct a multicenter study with large sample size of patients for greater statistical power. Moreover, improvement in therapy for unresectable primary PDAC and synchronous liver metastasis will be our next goal to complete therapeutic regimen for

synchronous liver metastasis from PDAC.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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