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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is the first reports revealing the association between fibrinogen-albumin ration (FAR) and the prognosis of patients with pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma undergoing radical R0 resection. The data are interesting; however, I have the following questions and comments. (1) Pancreatic cancer can lead to a hypercoagulable state and cause obvious thrombosis in the patient, in which fibrinogen plays a vital role. This is true; however, fibrinogen is not routinely examined in the patients with pancreatic cancer. Your study is a retrospective study, and it seems to me that it is very difficult to obtain fibrinogen data from the all patients registered in this study. (2) The definition of R0 resection is somewhat different according to the institution and criteria. Its definition should be described. (3) The approved number (ID) by the Medical Ethics Committee of the National Cancer Center/Cancer Hospital of the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences should be described in the manuscript (4) P value of 0.000 is not acceptable. The real data should be described. (5) Multivariate analysis showed that preoperative FAR and lymph node metastasis were independent risk factors for the OS of patients with pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma after radical R0 resection, and the P value of FAR (0.000) was less than that of lymph node metastasis (0.008). This description is not correct, because preoperative CA19-9 and adjuvant therapy are also independent prognostic factors, and especially, p-value of CA19-9 is also 0.000.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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The revised manuscript has been corrected very well according to the reviewers comments and questions.