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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors are to be congratulated for a balanced review of patients with borderline resectable pancreatic cancer, looking at neoadjuvant therapy and/or concomitant vascular resection as variables influencing operative resectability and patient survival. My sole critique is the claim x3 that “curative treatment of pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma is only possible after margin negative surgical resection.” Please note and reference the outliers, to include patients proven to be unresectable at laparotomy. For instance, see: Oh Sy et al. Rare long-term survivors of pancreatic adenocarcinoma without curative resection. *World J Gastroenterol* 2015.21:13574-81. There are multiple additional publications on the topic.

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PDAC is one of the most common cancers with lower five-year survival rate. This minireview provided a brief introduction of the combination of aggressive surgical operations and potent NAT in the treatment of PDAC patients. It is a good-written manuscript. However, till now, there are still some controversy about the NAT in PDAC patients. Some of the multicenter RCT studies showed that neoadjuvant therapy extended median survival in patients with resectable pancreatic cancers, but did not improve R0 resection rates. If the authors could give the full picture of the NAT, it would be much better.

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Combined venous resection is often used for PD in BDAC following neoadjuvant therapy. The "artery first" technique mentioned by the author in this paper can effectively avoid R2 excision in PD. Arterial resection is often used for distal pancreatectomy with en bloc celiac axis resection. The author makes a detailed summary of these three aspects. Readers would be more interested if more clinical data were presented.

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In your review, you describe all conditions underlying the radiological and surgical implications of neoadjuvant chemotherapy in borderline resectable pancreatic cancer which has been reviewed in the literature before. Your reference documentation is very comprehensive and the review concludes almost all conditions that may have something to do with borderline resectable pancreatic cancer. I can imagine how much work you have done for this professional review. I really appreciate your great work and it's my great honor to read this paper.