

Reply to the reviewers' comments

Dear Editor-in-Chief,

We thank you for your decision letter for our manuscript entitled "**Impact of surgery for chronic pancreatitis on the risk of pancreatic cancer: untying the Gordian knot**". We have considered the reviewer's comments and provide below a point-by-point answer to each of them. Changes have been incorporated and highlighted in the revised manuscript. We are grateful to the reviewers for their comments which have helped us improve the manuscript. We hope that you will find this revised version suitable for publication in your esteemed journal.

With kind regards,

Authors

Response to comments

- 1. The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor**

As per the requirement, the schematic pictures are provided in PowerPoint so that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor

- 2. Please obtain permission for the use of picture(s).**

As all the pictures included in the manuscript are original schematic diagrams drawn by the authors permission from the original source is not applicable to the included figures

- 3. The column should be minireviews.**

The type of manuscript has been changed to minireviews and as per the instructions for minireviews, the following changes were made, and the changes are highlighted in red font

An unstructured abstract of 200 words: Previous abstract word count was 127 figures. It has been modified to 200 words, and the additional content is highlighted in red font.

Keywords: 6 keywords added

Language editing: Manuscript has been language edited using the premium version of “Grammarly” software. Suggested language corrections done in the revised manuscript are highlighted in red font. After the modifications, the manuscript text score was 98.

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References edited as per the journal requirement