

ANSWERS TO REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6660-review.doc).

Title: Evolution in the Management of Pancreatic Cancer

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

- (1) Section on Potential targets for novel therapies, especially in regards to the tumor microenvironment and stroma was expanded.
- (2) The title was modified, and the term, "effective" was removed. The current title is "Evolution in the Management of Pancreatic Cancer"
- (3) Additional discussion on CA19-9 was added
- (4) A table was added summarizing known high frequency genetic events in the section on cellular mechanisms of therapeutic resistance
- (5) The study discussion the K-ras vaccine was incorporated into the discussion on K-ras
- (6) The first sentence in the surgical resection section was changed to reflect the reviewer's suggestion. It now reads "Although surgical resection offers the hope for curative therapy, only 20% of patients present with potentially resectable tumors."
- (7) The discussion on biliary decompression was modified and cleared up for the readers
- (8) The section on chemotherapy was divided into sections: neoadjuvant, adjuvant and chemotherapy for advanced disease. In addition, FOLFIRINOX information was cleared up.
- (9) The section on radiation therapy was completely rewritten. A discussion on the most important studies was included and referenced.
- (10) The section on "Future Perspectives" was greatly enhanced and is currently much more thorough.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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