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**Total mesopancreas excision is the better staging tool of the mesopancreas in pancreatic head carcinoma**

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### Abstract

Preoperative imaging staging based on TNM classification cannot be effective to avoid R1 resection because only further improvements in imaging technologies will allow the precise assessment of perineural and lymphatic invasion and the occurrence of microscopic TDs in the mesopancreas. However, waiting for further improvements in imaging technologies, TMpE remains the the only tool able to precisely assess mesopancreatic resection margin status, maximize the guarantee of radicality in cases of negative (R0) mesopancreatic resection margins, and stage the mesopancreas.

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