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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8892-Review.docx)

Title: Novel strategies for managing pancreatic cancer

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

(1) Title is corrected to "novel" to cover new strategies that have yet to be implemented as the standard procedure for treating pancreatic cancer.

(2) One of the duplicate tables has been replaced (is now Table 1).

(3) In response to a reviewer:

- a. Mid-sections have been reorganized under new subtitles.
 - Histopathology of Pancreatic Cancer (Line #72)
 - Symptoms Associated with PDAC (Line #91)
 - Diagnostic Tests and Biomarkers (Line #147)
 - Genetic Mutations associated with Pancreatic Cancer (Line #163)
- b. For a smoother transition and to express the relevance of signaling pathways, "Signaling pathways activated in Pancreatic Cancer" now follows sections that cover biomarkers and mutations that can be used for targeted therapy.
- c. Running title is now "Pancreatic cancer overview".
- d. Related references have been added to Lines #120-121.
- e. On Lines #106-108, we referenced a paper on distinguishing pancreatic cancer from other exocrine pancreatic diseases in regards to type 3c diabetes.
- f. Serological markers with potential diagnosis/prognostic value are covered in "Diagnostic Tests and Biomarkers".

(4) Significant grammar and sentence structure improvements have been made throughout the manuscript.

Thank you for your invitation to publish our manuscript.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Welley S Loc', with a stylized, cursive script.

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