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Reviewer's code: 03706476

Thank you very much for your review and comments. The sentence "Most studies showed no significant difference in perioperative outcomes between sarcopenic and non-sarcopenic groups" was deleted as suggested. Background information of pancreatic cancer was also added to the introduction part. Some other minor revisions were also made as per your suggestions.

As for further quantitative analysis, it is difficult at this stage. As seen in Table 2, the assessment tools and cutoff values in different studies varied greatly. Given such heterogeneity of measurement of outcomes, meaningful meta-analysis would be unrealistic and impossible. It had been mentioned in the "Discussion" section that we hoped that the reporting of data would be standardized in future studies.

An outlook had actually been briefly mentioned in the "Discussion" section. It was further highlighted and elaborated. Hopefully this makes it clearer to the readers.