

Dear editor,

Thank you very much for your letter and advice. We have addressed the comments raised by the reviewers and editors, and some revisions have been made to the manuscript. We would like to resubmit it for your consideration. Point by point responses to the comments are listed below this letter.

We hope that the revised version of the manuscript is now acceptable for publication in your journal. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best wishes!

Yours sincerely,

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Corresponding author

Replies to Reviewer 1

The manuscript is adequately presented. I only suggest to the authors to add the following recent references.

According to reviewer's instructions, some important references have been added to the manuscript as highlighted.

1. Di Leo M, Leandro G, Singh SK, et al. Low Alcohol and Cigarette Use Is Associated to the Risk of Developing Chronic Pancreatitis. *Pancreas*. 2017;46(2):225-229.
2. Greer JB, Thrower E, Yadav D. Epidemiologic and Mechanistic Associations Between Smoking and Pancreatitis. *Curr Treat Options Gastroenterol*. 2015;13(3):332-46.
3. Munigala S, Conwell DL, Gelrud A, et al. Heavy Smoking Is Associated With Lower Age at First Episode of Acute Pancreatitis and a Higher Risk of Recurrence. *Pancreas*. 2015;44(6):876-81.
4. Sun X, Huang X, Zhao R, et al. Meta-analysis: Tobacco smoking may enhance the risk of acute pancreatitis. *Pancreatol*. 2015;15(3):286-94.

Replies to Reviewer 2

You may be on to something! Now, confirm your conclusions by a prospective study.

Thanks for your suggestion! As we have revealed that smoking is associated with worse RFS and an increased rate of HLAP recurrence in this retrospective study, a prospective study is under design. Besides, mechanism research is also in consideration.

Replies to Editor

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The symbol of P-value and other notes have been modified according to editor's request.