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**COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is a well written and up-to-date review of immune checkpoint therapy for pancreatic cancer. Relevant trials and articles are cited and discussed. There are a few comments/suggestions: 1. I would omit the exact search criteria in the abstract and leave it in the method section. 2. “Associated risk factors for PDA are: smoking, diabetes mellitus, heredity, chronic pancreatitis, KRAS, TP53, SMAD4 and CDKNA2 mutations”. I would not consider KRAS, TP53, SMAD4 and CDKNA2 mutations risk factors in this context. 3. “PDA is classified as an exocrine cancer originating from the pancreatic ductal epithelium”. That is rather doubtful; more likely it originates from acinar cells via acinar to ductal metaplasia (ADM), and PanIN progression.



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