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**COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The manuscript by Yu-hua Zhang reviews minimal invasive surgery for pancreatic cancer. The topic is interesting and timely, and the review is -in general- well written and the relevant literature is cited and discussed. However, there are a number of points that should be addressed: ? There are a number of somewhat awkward statements such as for example ?reducing damage to the patients“, “the golden criteria for resection“ and others. The manuscript would need thorough editing regarding grammar and style. ? The statement regarding R0 resection is not completely correct. R0 is indeed an important prognostic factor; however, most pancreatic cancer resections are R1 resections and long term survival is possible even for R1 resections. ? The summary about laparoscopic surgery should be toned down; most data is from non-randomized retrospective series. ? The authors should highlight that this is not a systematic review. Nonetheless, the authors should state how the literature was reviewed and how the included articles were selected.