

The study was conducted using publicly available data. No patient approvals were sought nor required for this study. The data used for inputs and analysis were derived from public sources (such as websites, primarily). Our research question about the international trends in incidence and mortality of pancreatic cancer in last three decades was based on the number of pancreatic cancer cases and deaths in the world in last three decades. Therefore, as our model-based analysis used aggregated (not individually identifiable) data from publicly available sources, patients were not involved in the design, or conduct, or reporting or dissemination plans of the research. The study was conducted using publicly available data.