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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A (Excellent)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority Publishing	Google Search:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept
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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The article sums known data about pancreatic cancer especially of the point of view of resectability. In fact there are more questions than answer. Authors appeal on searching for new algorithms how to establish resectability and nonresectability in cases of pancreatic cancers. The article could be published like reflection of today's situation and indication of further research.

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This manuscript contains a good overview of the multidisciplinary work-up and evaluation of pancreatic cancer. I believe the paper would be more helpful if the authors started by laying out the vascular criteria for resection, then discussed radiological staging, and then proceeded to their discussion of the influence of biological factors such as comorbidity, age, duration of symptoms, CA 19-9, etc. There are additional emerging biological factors that merit discussion. The idea of using a period of neoadjuvant therapy to enrich the proportion of patients with favorable biology is only briefly mentioned and could be expanded upon. The hypothesis that pancreatic cancers are heterogeneous in behavior and that some tumors are more likely to metastasize early (as indicated by loss of SMAD4) might be interesting to discuss as an area for future investigation. One could hypothesize that patients with SMAD4 loss might not benefit as much from surgery even if they have resectable tumors.

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The structure of manuscript is in keeping with the common required criteria. The topic of the work is very actual, because pancreatic cancer is a very aggressive cancer. This paper offers a holistic view on the selection criteria in resectable pancreatic cancer. Work is clearly legible, brings summarizes new knowledge. The citations are actual and their format respect usual standards. The conclusion reflects the author's results and these can be accepted. I recommend the manuscript to be published.