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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The review is complete. it focuses on an interesting and challenging perspective in diagnostic ork up of cancer, and especially of pancreatic cancer. However, the possible role of "liquid biopsy" in this particular type of tumor should be better clarified: Infact, pancreatic cancer is often diagnosed in advanced stages when ascites is present where free tumor cells can be easily found with conventional citology, which is a less expensive method with the same effectiveness (cfr. Sibio S et al. World J Gastrointest Surg. 2015 Sep 27;7(9):178-84). The authors should discuss this aspect and cite this work.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well-written review on circulating tumor cells and cell-free nucleic acids from liquid biopsy in patients with pancreatic cancer. I think that this technique may have useful application in the diagnostic work-up of pancreatic cystic neoplasms, particularly IPMNs; the Authors should discuss this point.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a review article on circulation tumor cells and nucleic acid markers specially in pancreatic cancer. The authors performed an extensive review on the current literature - Introduction: could you please provide more references (e.g., on line 5 and 7) - how could these markers be used in practice? There is no specific population to target the screening and in advance stages It is too late to use.