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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This retrospective study introduced a novel method of decision-making for the management of autoimmune pancreatitis. The limitations include small number of patients and lack of control group, thus the conclusion is not strong persuasive. Although the measurements of capillary refilling time were performed by one single clinician, the procedure is subjective and may have large deviations.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It is a good research article about the useful of intraoperative capillary refill time as a guide for operational decision-making process of autoimmune pancreatitis. This is a preliminary study however as say the authors large-scale clinical trials are needed to determine it's role in clinical decisions making for this very complicated entity.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

An interesting novel method of assessing of this difficult pancreatic condition. The paper will be of interest to our readers interested in pancreatic problems.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It is a retrospective cohort study on a small number of patients (only eight) with autoimmune pancreatitis (AIP) who underwent surgery. At surgery the authors noted that the pancreatic bed in the case of AIP was highly vascular and thus had a reduced capillary refilling time (CRT). That could be easily assessed at surgery by pressing on the pancreatic bed and noting down the refilling of the blanched area. They suggest that this may be taken as a guide to distinguish AIP from pancreatic cancer, thus helping the surgeon to decide on table if to go ahead with a radical vs conservative surgery. However, this is far from convincing as no comparisons have been made with observations on other inflammatory conditions or cancer of the pancreas. The number of observations made on AIP are also much too small.