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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting paper about the hot topic of inflammation and cancer. With a survival analysis, the Authors show that an increased lymphocyte to monocyte ratio was a significant indicator of improved overall survival in patients with pancreatic adenocarcinoma. The Authors have also recognized the most important limitations of their study. I think that this article can merit the publication, but the Authors for me should discuss, before publication, some important points. 1. Have the Authors some data about the type of lymphocytes) CD3, CD4, CD8? The Authors, also if they have not the data, should discuss the potential role of the different types of lymphocytes in cancer-inflammation. 2. The Authors should discuss also the feasibility of such determination on FFPE tissue. In other words, if this work will be validated by future research (trials – prospective, not only retrospective!) the determination of lymphocyte-types may be assess with immunohistochemistry. 3. The Authors should also discuss the importance of Th-1 and Th-2 immuno-response in inflammation and cancer. I think that just a small paragraph, summarizing the state of art in the literature about this topic, is important in a manuscript like this. This is a good



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example: Ling et al. The infiltration, and prognostic importance, of Th1 lymphocytes vary in molecular subgroups of colorectal cancer. J Pathol Clin Res. 2015;2:21-31. 4. A last point to discuss more in depth is the potential role of target – immune – therapy in cancer on the basis of the result of this paper (like a perspective for the future).

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The subject is not in the area of World Journal of Gastrointestinal Pharmacology and Therapeutics. It is about the prognostic role of lymphocyte to monocyte Ratio in Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma. It is better might be send to other journals.

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the study is well designed but some issues should be addressed -there is no need to repeat the aim of study in method section -you described the association between LMR and surgery as marginal significant relationship as p value was 0.05 but the same p vlaue was present for race -univariate survival analysis should be applied in all clinicopathological parameters of pancreatic cancer including the absolute values of lymphocyte count and monocyte count. the authors just applied survival analysis on the ratio only -some grammer and typographical errors should be corrected especially the spaces between words