

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6941-Review.docx).

**Title:** Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma: Risk Factors, Screening, & Early Detection

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**We thank the reviewers for their helpful comments and have incorporated their suggestions into the manuscript as detailed below:**

1. Format has been updated
2. References and typesetting have been updated
3. Revisions have been made according to the suggestions of reviewer #1:
  - a. We removed the unclear citation (page 3, paragraph 1 of the manuscript and the references section).
  - b. We corrected "Peutz-Jeghers" to "Peutz-Jeghers Syndrome" (page 3, paragraph 2 of the manuscript).
  - c. We rephrased the unclear statement "as well as an increased number of high-grade PanIN lesions compared to low-grade" (page 13, paragraph 3 of the manuscript).
  - d. We corrected " $\geq$  FDR" to " $\geq 3$  FDR" (page 15, paragraph 6 of the manuscript).
  - e. We corrected "a FDR" to "an FDR" (page 15, paragraph 6 of the manuscript).
  - f. We clarified the statement "25-50% of patients will be diagnosed with DM within 3 years of their pancreatic cancer" (page 11, paragraph 2 of the manuscript).
  - g. We re-wrote the concluding summary as per the reviewer's recommendations (page 17, paragraph 2 of the manuscript).
  - h. We added a summary box including recent advances, screening goals and difficulties, and anticipated future advances as per the reviewer's recommendations (Table 4, page 35 of the manuscript).

4. Revisions have been made according to the suggestions of reviewer #2:
  - a. We changed “Non-Genetic Risk Factors” to “Modifiable Risk Factors” (page 9 of the manuscript, as well as throughout the entire document).
  - b. We added putative mechanisms that could account for an increased risk of PDAC in the setting of modifiable risk factors (pages 9-11 of the manuscript).
  - c. We added hydrocarbon exposure as a risk factor for PDAC (page 12, paragraph 5 of the manuscript).
  - d. We added a table of genetic lesions associated with PDAC (Table 1, page 32 of the manuscript).
  - e. We added a table of other factors associated with PDAC (Table 2, page 33 of the manuscript).
  - f. We corrected “John Hopkins” to “Johns Hopkins” (page 8, paragraph 3 of the manuscript).

We thank the reviewers and the editors for the opportunity to publish our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aimee L Lucas', with a stylized, flowing script.

Aimee L Lucas