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Dear Professor Ji,

Thank you very much for reviewing our invited review titled "Perioperative treatment options in resectable pancreatic cancer - how to improve long-term survival". Please find below our responses to the reviewer's comments:

Reviewer 1

The radiological part should limit the use of acronyms for which must be made the spelling.
All abbreviations are now spelled upon their first appearance in the text.

They should be explained in more detail the radiologic criteria of unresectability.
Criteria of unresectability are now explained in greater detail.

The surgical part is repetitive and should be reduced.
The surgical part was shortened.

It would be appropriate was supported by a wider bibliography integrating perhaps with summary tables.
This aspect was not implemented.

A figure that describes the technique of extended resection would be appropriate
Some figures of CT / MR could clarify the concepts of resectability.
Figure 1 was added showing examples of unresectability/borderline resectability.

Reviewer 2

Many healthcare systems have now centralized the Whipple procedures to specialized centers so that each center would have a reasonable case load per year to improve surgical outcomes. Perhaps, the authors can touch on this issue briefly when they discuss the surgical complications and long-term survival.
A respective comment was added.(please refer to page 9)

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Perhaps a brief discussion on perioperative medical management (of a lack of importance if the authors believe this is the case) on long-term survival will make the article more comprehensive. The obvious areas may include transfusion as a risk factor for recurrence, regional anesthesia on local recurrence of cancer (by avoiding morphine which can suppress immune function and regional anesthesia can affect lymphatic flow during surgery, etc).
A respective comment was added.(please refer to page 9).

We hope that the revised version of our manuscript is now acceptable for publication in the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology,

Sincerely,

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