

Response to reviewer Comments

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**#1: First, I would like to congratulate the authors for the manuscript “Age, Socioeconomic Features, and Clinical Factors Predict Receipt of ERCP in Pancreatic Cancer”. This is a well written retrospective study evaluating predictors of ERCP in patients with pancreatic cancer in the US. However, some concerns need to be addressed:**

- 1. Introduction: Very good. Short and precise. - You need to be more precise in the paragraph with the references (6-14). Among patients who underwent resection, only geographic location was independently associated with survival, with patients in the Northeast, Midwest and Pacific West faring better than patients in the Southeast (References???) Other studies suggest racial disparities in pancreatic cancer care: black patients fare worse than white patients in both utilization of treatment modalities and survival (References???)**

We thank the Reviewer for this comment, and have made the paragraph more precise (Page 5, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph). The references were clarified.

- 2. Methods: The methods are very well written. - Figure 1 is a result and not method.**

The reference to Figure 1 on Page 6 in Methods was removed.

- 3. Results: The results are well written and confirmed what everyone already believes. It is great to have a study supporting our thoughts.**

We thank the Reviewer for this feedback.

- 4. Discussion: The discussion is quite good but is not amazing.**

**- I do not think this is a limitation “Finally, this study includes patients who are more often female than the general PC population”. This is a result of your analysis.**

We have removed this as a limitation on Page 10 of the Discussion.

**- I do not think your result showed this “These results highlight the need to identify appropriate candidates for ERCP in pancreatic cancer and address barriers to endoscopic interventions for suitable pancreatic cancer patients.” You did not identify appropriate candidates in your analysis! I suggest you modify your conclusion in the discussion session for the same conclusion of the abstract “ERCP utilization in pancreatic cancer varies based on patient age, marital status, and factors related to where the patient lives. Further studies are needed to guide appropriate biliary intervention for these patients”.**

We thank the Reviewer for this comment and have revised the Discussion as suggested on Page 11.

**In summary, I do think this manuscript should be published after revision, mainly related to your last sentence in the discussion section.**

**Reviewer #2: This is an interesting and well-written review article regarding geographic, racial, socioeconomic and clinical factors associated with utilization of ERCP in US. This article contains beneficial information for the WJGE readers.**

We thank the Reviewer for this feedback.