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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I read this meta-analysis with interest. In this study, the authors reviewed the clinical efficacy and safety of erlotinib combined with chemotherapy in the treatment of advanced pancreatic cancer. This study is overall well designed, and the results are interesting. Comments: 1. The manuscript requires an editing. Some minor language polishing should be revised. 2. The abstract should be re-written: Background, aim, methods, results, conclusion. 3. The limit of the study should be discussed. 4. Please update and edit the references list. 5 Images should be improved.