

Dear Editors and Reviewers,

Thank you for your favorable consideration of our manuscript and insightful suggestions. We have extensively revised the manuscript accordingly. Here is a summary.

Respectfully,
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Combination STM's in the predict of advanced malignancy is less clear and no known guidance or consensus. Authors have made a genuine attempt to explore this question in this retrospective study. Aside a number of grammatical mistakes, They have partly convince the reader the combination STM s play a role In identifying advanced pancreatic mucinous cystic malignancy. It is a retrospective study with incomplete data, hence one cannot concur that it is a validated study. Authors have to assert this At the outset, although they have discussed under limitations. Article requires revision with regards to grammar and usage of articles (a and the)

Response: Thank you for pointing that out. The predictive value of serum tumor markers (STMs) in advanced cystic mucinous neoplasms (A-cMNs) has not been confirmed, so clinicians are uncertain about their role in follow-up and preoperative evaluation of pancreatic cystic tumors, resulting in incomplete data of STMs in many patients. However, our study showed that the combination of multiple STM testing could improve sensitivity in predicting A-cMNs. Therefore, it is important to standardize the detection of STMs during follow-up.

We have added the following statements to the last paragraph of the introduction section, “To evaluate the ability of CA19-9, CEA, CA125, CA724, and CA242 in predicting A-cMNs and whether the STM levels vary in MCNs and IPMNs, we conducted a retrospective cohort study of 187 patients diagnosed with PCLs and assessed their STM levels. Although we have obtained some promising findings, as a retrospective study with incomplete data, these findings need to be further confirmed by multi-center prospective studies.”

We have sent the manuscript to AJE for polishing again to make the words and expressions more authentic, and correct some grammatical errors, especially the improper use of articles, tenses and collocations mentioned by the reviewers. A language editing certificate issued by AJE was uploaded in the Revision Files.