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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript by Layer and others represents a welcome contribution by providing a systematic review on the matter of QoL in PEI. The entire process is flawless, the manuscript follows guidelines for such reviews. The only thing I am missing is a flow



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diagram detailing the resulting publication that were analysed. I do understand, that they did not hit the studies they were looking for in the first place.

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This is a well-designed, clinically important review which contains 70 references. It seems that figures were re-designed using the data from cited references. There are 4 figures and 8 tables which are clear and informative. Authors highlight underuse



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(21-43%) and under-dose in daily practice of pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy (PERT) in patients with pancreatic cancer and its importance to prevent weight loss, to increase survival and quality of life. They give also the comparative data in cystic fibrosis and chronic pancreatitis. I recommend only adding new median survival data which are between 20-39.5 months in patients with resectable pancreatic cancer, and 8.5-11.1 months for those with metastatic disease (References are given below). References about this topic (#55, #56 and #57) contain old information). After these small additions this review is worth publishing. References: Neoptolemos JP, et al. Lancet 2017; 389:1011-24. Von Hoff DD, et al. N Engl J Med 2013; 369:1691-703. Conroy T, et al. N Engl J Med 2011; 364:1817-25.

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