Reviewer's report

Title: COX-2 overexpression in resected pancreatic head adenocarcinomas correlates with favourable prognosis

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Regards to the manuscript entitled "COX-2 overexpression in resected pancreatic head adenocarcinomas correlates with favourable prognosis" by Pomianowska et al. I have these comments as following:

First, the authors have chosen the title of the manuscript and concentrated about the pancreatic carcinoma and its significant, in results section they correlated its expression with clinicopathological features as shown in Table 1 & 2. Then the authors mixed in the result section with the other cancer types such as ampullary cancer and distal bile cancer which make their manuscript difficult to read, fellow and it looks overcrowd. In my opinion, it will be more easier and clear if the author concentrate on the findings which found with pancreatic cancer only (92 patients with pancreatic cancer).

In table 1. There is one case missed under Lymph node ratio (LNR), the total Number is 91.

In Figure 1. Better if the authors used pictures show the expression of COX-2 (NEGATIVE AND POSITIVE) in pancreatic cancer only. No need for the pictures showed SMA and western plot, it may mixed the information.

The majority of the references are quit old, better to use the more recent one.

Finally, the manuscript needs more work to be concise and clear, so I cannot accept this manuscript at this phase.

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Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.