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Dear editor, The manuscript “Primary Resection versus Neoadjuvant Chemoradiation Followed by Resection for Locally Resectable or Potentially Resectable Pancreatic Carcinoma Without Distant Metastasis” has been accepted by all authors in the current form of the manuscript. We think that this manuscript is well placed at BMC Cancer because it is the first multicentre, randomised protocol for neoadjuvant treatment in pancreatic carcinoma worldwide. Several non-randomised studies have shown excellent results for neoadjuvantly treated and resected patients. Of special importance is the intent to increase the rate of complete resections (R0-resection) and the rate of patients with ypN0 since an increase in survival is hypothesized on the base of these factors. None of the authors has a conflict of interest. We would be grateful if you could consider the submitted manuscript for publication in BMC Cancer. Yours sincerely Dr. Thomas Brunner