Reviewer’s report

Title: Long-term outcomes and significance of preoperative lymphocyte-to-monocyte ratio as a prognostic indicator in patients with invasive pancreatic neoplasms after repeat pancreatectomy

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This is an interesting paper on an emerging topic. I appreciated the methods and results.

Three additional informations could add value to the study:

1) To specify whether the relapse was a local recurrence in continuity with the primary tumor previously resected or a new cancer in the remnant pancreas. You should differentiate the two situations and if the numerosity is adequate you could consider also this parameter in the analysis
2) Did the patients have any chemo or radiotherapy after initial diagnosis of recurrence? If yes did they have any impact on survival after recurrence resections? Which kind of therapy did they receive before surgical exploration?
3) Do you have a cohort of recurrent patients who were not suitable for operation even after chemo or radiotherapy? Which was the impact of LMR in this subgroup? Actually the survival after resection for patients who have LMR<3,3 is still interesting and probably better if compared with medical treatment. Could you add some informations about that? This could help a lot the clinicians whether to operate or not based upon LMR.

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