



Impact of pancreatitis on survival for pancreatic cancer



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Dear Sir

I read with great interest the recent article with the title of “A novel scoring system based on hemostatic parameters predicts the prognosis of patients with advanced pancreatic cancer” by Zhang et al. [1]. I really appreciate the authors for the sound results regarding the association of hemostatic parameter levels and patients survival in advanced pancreatic cancer. Nevertheless there are some questions that should be answered. The first issue of my concern is determination of “acute inflammatory state” as an exclusion criteria. Because, we very well know that inflammation due to pancreatitis is very important pancreatic carcinogenesis. Is there any data of patients serum amylase and lipase values? What percentage of the study patients had previous chronic pancreatitis?

Is there any diagnosis details (hereditary, autoimmune etc) of patients with previous chronic pancreatitis? Because, underlying pancreatitis may influence both the survival and hemostatic parameters as well.

Conflicts of interest

None.

References

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