

Peer Review File

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Reviewer #1

Comment 1: Please confirm or reject editorial changes in manuscript with explanation if rejected.

Reply 1: All changes have been confirmed. Thank you for your feedback.

Reviewer #2

Comment 1: While the importance of indeterminate margins is clinically important, it is perhaps not better not discussed in this review article. If the authors wish to continue to include this portion of the article it may be best to further delve into the intraoperative surgical management based on frozen section analysis.

Reply 1: Thank you for your feedback. The section on indeterminate margins has been removed.

Comment 2: The example of pneumonectomy and a positive bronchial margin is somewhat confusing in an article regarding indeterminate pulmonary nodules. This would be an unusual circumstance where a diagnosis has not already been made. This could be transformed into a discussion regarding the management of a confirmed tumor on frozen section (i.e. wedge vs. segment vs. lobectomy).

Reply 2: Pursuant to Comment 1, the section on indeterminate margins has been re-moved. While clinically important, we agree that an appropriate discussion of that topic would expand beyond the intended scope of this review.

Reviewer #3

Comment 1: The title seemed not fit the study.

Reply 1: Thank you for your feedback. The title has been changed to “Narrative Review: Indeterminate Pulmonary Nodules.”

Comment 2: This article reviewed clinical, radiographic, and molecular approaches to risk stratifying IPNs, describe techniques to optimize the diagnostic yield of tissue sampling methods, and discuss the management indeterminate pathologic results after resection, which seemed to be lack of logical coherence in a single review.

Reply 2: To better focus the review, the section on management of indeterminate pathologic results after resection has been removed. The remaining sections all address risk stratification and diagnostic techniques for indeterminate pulmonary nodules prior to resection.

Comment 3: The topic of indeterminate margins was not relevant to IPNs according to the description, which need to be removed or focus on the indeterminate margins of IPNs specifically.

Reply 3: The section on indeterminate margins has been removed.