

ANSWERS TO REVIEWERS COMMENTS

REVIEWER 1

1. Most abbreviations have been eliminated.

The article has been rearranged, in particular the subdivision into paragraphs has been revised.

We added two tables summarizing the preoperative assessment of synchronous colorectal carcinoma and of synchronous colorectal liver metastases, respectively. Regarding surgical strategies, it could be possible to suggest therapeutic strategies for colon cancer with synchronous CRLM, since in our opinion a simultaneous colorectal and liver resection should be considered whenever possible mostly according to technical evaluations (resectability, risk of postoperative liver failure, etc.). For rectal cancer however, too many therapeutic options are currently available, especially for locally advanced mid and low rectal tumours, including preoperative chemotherapy with short or long-term radiotherapy, postoperative chemoradiotherapy, simultaneous or staged colorectal and liver resection, liver resection followed by chemoradiotherapy and subsequent rectal resection, etc.; no consensus has been reached about the optimal timing of chemoradiotherapy and surgical resections, so that we consider inappropriate at this time to suggest adequate therapeutic strategies for rectal cancer; may be that some answers will come in the next future.

2. The title has been changed; the new title is the following:

SIMULTANEOUS CURATIVE RESECTION OF DOUBLE COLORECTAL CARCINOMA WITH SYNCHRONOUS BILOBAR LIVER METASTASES.

3. We conducted an extensive review of multiple databases, including PubMed, Embase, Cochrane Library, Ovid, and Web of Science, to identify studies describing the most relevant topics about synchronous colorectal cancer, advanced colorectal cancer with synchronous liver metastases, simultaneous vs staged resection of colorectal cancer with resectable liver metastases, surgical options for the treatment

of multiple bilobar liver metastases. However, the manuscript is a descriptive review and not a systematic review or meta-analysis, and informations about literature search, search tools, including/excluding criteria, usually are not required.

4. The preoperative imaging for local staging of mid and low rectal cancer has been separately delineated in the paragraph entitled “*Diagnosis and surgical treatment strategies*”.

5. Bi-istitutional has been substituted wit bi-institutional; the abbreviation SCRLM has been eliminated; NCRT has been substituted with chemoradiotherapy; the two sentences have been modified as suggested.

REVIEWER 2

1. Most abbreviations have been eliminated.

The article has been rearranged, in particular the subdivision into paragraphs has been revised.

2. The title has been changed; the new title is the following:

SIMULTANEOUS CURATIVE RESECTION OF DOUBLE COLORECTAL CARCINOMA WITH SYNCHRONOUS BILOBAR LIVER METASTASES.

3. The abstract has been re-written.

We conducted an extensive review of multiple databases, including PubMed, Embase, Cochrane Library, Ovid, and Web of Science, to identify studies describing the most relevant topics about synchronous colorectal cancer, advanced colorectal cancer with synchronous liver metastases, simultaneous vs staged resection of colorectal cancer with resectable liver metastases, surgical options for the treatment of multiple bilobar liver metastases. However, the manuscript is a descriptive review and not a systematic review or meta-analysis, and informations about literature search, search tools, including/excluding criteria, usually are not required.

4. Some data cited from studies reported in the article have been rearranged or simplified.