



PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology

Manuscript NO: 40969

Title: Immune blockade inhibitors and the radiation abscopal effect in gastrointestinal cancers

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Science editor: Fang-Fang Ji

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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer’s expertise on the topic of the manuscript:
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Very well written invited editorial on immune checkpoint inhibitors and radiation. The author reviews the currently available data including both clinical data as well as immunologic translational data. Minor suggestions include 1) when describing the



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abscopal effect in the second to last paragraph in the introduction the author states it is the result of micro-environmental inflammatory changes that are created and sustained by the irradiated cells. This perhaps could be revised to more accurately describe the phenomenon of which local treatment with radiation augments the immunity and releases neo-antigens stimulating the immune system to treat tumors with similar antigens in distant locations. I felt the current wording was awkward. 2) First paragraph of the Immune blockade inhibition in gastrointestinal cancers subheading. there is a statement describing the trial and the author states the trial was "contacted" in three Asian countries. Should be "conducted" in three Asian countries. Otherwise, excellent paper, I liked the inclusion of EBV-related gastric cancer.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Very concise editorial into immune check point inhibitors. Perhaps a mention of the complications associated with use of these such as check point colitis will be useful



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This is a well written editorial reviewing the current available data in regards to the use of immunotherapy in GI cancers and its limitations in addition to providing hypothesis generating information on how the abscopal effect of radiation may be used to improve



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the immune effect of these agents. This is definitely becoming an increasing area of interest in the management of GI cancers (as well as other malignancies)

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In general, this editorial is well prepared and no serious mistake noted. Congratulation for this nice work.



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