

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This article is about the efficacy of pancreaticoduodenectomy combined with gastrectomy in patients with gastric cancer invading the pancreatic head. I agree that a pancreaticoduodenectomy is an important option for R0 resection. However, I have several comments. Major 1. Among the patients who underwent palliative gastrojejunostomy, were there patients who had to have the possibility for curative resection by PD? If yes, I am interested in the comparison between patients who underwent PD and gastrojejunostomy. 2. According to the inclusion and exclusion criteria, all GA patients seem to be R1 or more, which might have greatly affected the comparison of overall survival between GP and GA groups. It is unclear because there was no information about this factor in Table 1. 3. The way of neoadjuvant and adjuvant treatment is unclear. Did patients receive neoadjuvant for 6 months? Did patients receive adjuvant treatment for 6 months regardless of R0 or R1/2? What if in the case of recurrence? 4. Most importantly, the GP or GA was not a prognostic factor in the multivariate analysis. The authors concluded that GP should be performed to prolong survival, but this conclusion is not supported by their results. 5. Discussion section should be constructed better. Minor 1. Abbreviations should be defined at their first mentioned there. 2. The approval number of IRB should be mentioned. 3. There are some misspellings in the manuscript and table. (p8 "PGA group", Table 3 "Tumor tpye") 4. If p values were less than 0.001, <0.001 would be better than 0.000 in the tables. 5. Chi2 in table 3 might be inappropriate. HR would be appropriate.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a unique study comparing two types of surgery in pT4b locally advanced gastric cancer

1. What was the selection criteria of doing a GP or a GA. That should be more clear.
2. What kind of surgery is GA? Please elaborate... In many places it is written as palliative gastrectomy...
3. The details of neoadjuvant treatment should be more clear... which type of chemotherapy is used and how many cycles... Why were some patients taken up directly for surgery and why some were given neoadjuvant treatment... The arms are not balanced...
4. The details of adjuvant treatment should also be more clear as it can play an important role in final outcome.. What was the differentiating factor in giving a patient post operative radiotherapy or post operative chemotherapy... If chemotherapy was given how many cycles? What protocol? And if radiotherapy was given what dose? Was it combined with concurrent chemotherapy... When we are discussing about overall survival of any patient the details of adjuvant treatment are very important...

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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