

Response to Reviewers comments , IPCT COVID-19

We want to thank the editorial board and the reviewers for taking time to review our manuscript. We are pleased to respond to our reviewers' comments. Kindly find our responses below;

Reviewer #1

Reviewer's comment 1;

Was the rate of patients who left the hospital against medical advice important?

Our response;

Thank you for the comment. Patients who are discharged against medical advice may not receive an effective discharge plan . Lack of a good discharge plan may increase the of readmission of those patients and thus our readmission rate.

Reviewer's comment 2;

.....Can you quantify it?

Our response;

Yes, we measured the rate of discharge against medical advice in COVID-19 infected group and compared it with the rate in the group without COVID-19.

Reviewers comment 3;

What was the type of cancers concerned by intraperitoneal chemotherapy in your study. This item is not precised.

Our response;

Our study is not specific to any particular cancer. We studied all patients undergoing Inpatient chemotherapy irrespective of their background malignancy.

Reviewer's Comment 4;

Table 5 is amputated from it's last column.

Our response;

Thank you for the observation. We have addressed this in our revised edition. Kindly find table 5 in the result section of our revised manuscript for the correction.

Reviewer's comment 5;

In figure 5 (Kaplan-Meier curves), the results of log test rank is not precised. Please indicate if there is a statistic significance or not ($p=?$).

Our response;

Yes, there was a statistical significance. Our p value was less than 0.01. we have indicated this in the results section of our revised manuscript.

Reviewer 2

Reviewer's comment 1;

This study investigated the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on 30 - and 90-day readmission rates among patients hospitalized for IPCT, in addition to analyzing common causes and independent predictors of readmission. These would help develop strategies that could improve the management of cancer patients and play an important role in further research into the impact of the pandemics on healthcare infrastructure and services.

Our response;

Thank you for the great remarks, we deeply appreciate.