

Dear Reviewers,

Thank you very much for taking the time to review the manuscript. We much appreciate your feedback. We have tried to address your suggestions to the best possible extent and hope you find these revisions satisfactory. We believe the current review provides a comprehensive review of the literature and provides a practical evidence based approach to the management of patients with advanced gastric cancer.

Thanks,
Erin Jou and Lakshmi Rajdev

Comments:

1. The authors discussed the chemotherapy and targeted therapy progress of gastric cancer and review of literature. I think whether it is suitable to be published depend on the source of contribution to WJG journal. 1. The manuscript systematically reviews many of the significant events of chemotherapy and targeted therapy progress on gastric cancer. It provides detailed information about the chemotherapy and targeted therapy progress of gastric cancer. The structure and logical relationship of text is clear. The authors collected amount of literature materials and details, it may be helpful to reader for comprehension. And it is helpful for clinical physician to master the chemotherapy of advanced gastric cancer. 2. The article lack of a little innovativeness; There are some similar article have been published which can be indexed on Pubmed. And there are little grammar should be polished.

Response: While many advanced gastric cancer reviews have been published, our review discusses more recent developments and updates from recent meetings (ASCO 2015, ASCO GI 2016), particularly in immunotherapy and newer targeted agents. We discuss future directions and ongoing clinical trials of importance.

2. The author discusses the management of advanced gastric cancer and the progress in recent years in chemotherapy, targeted therapy and immunotherapy. For advanced gastric cancer, chemotherapy is sensitive, targeted therapies based on distinct genomic features in the different molecular subtypes. Author compares the efficacy of various drugs of different treatments by observing response rate, time to progression, overall survival and drug toxicities. Besides, in order to make data more clear, author adds tables of drug efficacy in article. The drugs of these treatments are significance to clinical treatment. However several references are too old, if the author can quote more new articles, this manuscript is better. The language of this article is relatively smooth and has readability. On the whole, this is a good article which deserves publication.

Response: Thank you very much for the comments. We updated some of the older references. All except one, which we believe is an important paper on c-Met, are from later than 2000.

3. Conclusion section: I would like to see a bit more of personal views in how to choose treatment outside clinical trials from currently available treatment options.

Response: Our review provides an overview of completed and ongoing clinical trials. On page 16 in the conclusion section we added a treatment approach for patients with advanced gastric cancer that is evidence based.

4. Jou et al reviewed current therapies for unresectable or recurrent gastric cancer. It is well reviewed. However the title of the paper should be changed. The definition of advanced gastric cancer is cancer located in stomach and invaded into muscularis propria and more. Without distant metastasis, the main treatment for it is surgery. This review does not include about surgery. Therefore, the title should be Current and Emerging Therapies in Unresectable or Recurrent Gastric Cancer.

Response: In the US and for international publications, "advanced gastric cancer" typically implies that the cancer is not amenable to curative therapy, and includes unresectable or recurrent disease, so we respectfully differ and believe that the title is accurate as it is.

5. Please provide language a certificate letter from a professional English language editing company (Classification of the manuscript language quality evaluation is B).

Response: Thank you for reviewing our paper. It is not standard to provide a language certificate in the US, as English is the primary language. We used the spell check and grammar check tools to ensure proper language prior to submission.

We also revised the coding system and references as per the guidelines. Thank you very much for considering our manuscript.