

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Language quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Interesting article looking at single institution outcomes associated with liver resection in metastatic gastric cancer in a small case series over 14 years. There are a number of issues with this paper. 1. The authors do not categorise how they stage these patients for assessment of their metastatic disease. Is it by CT only, do they have PET scans, laparoscopy, bone scans etc. How can we assure that there is no other evidence of disease. 2. The authors need to discuss in detail why neoadjuvant therapy as a therapeutic trial was not used in all of these patients. This is particularly true on patients with synchronous disease and as a separate group metachronous disease should also be discussed to exclude other sites or at least assess response. To merely use it as a bridge to resection in inoperable patients makes little logical sense. Failure to include or discuss these issues greatly limits the applicability of this study to western cohorts where neoadjuvant therapy is a routine for advanced gastric cancer as defined in this paper. 3. The authors when talking of the primary tumours note that 2 patients have peritoneal dissemination. What exactly does this mean. Was this simply a T4B tumour or was this distant dissemination. In which case what primary treatment was employed. Was a "peritonectomy" performed or other therapy. Where did these patients have recurrence. If distant peritoneal disease these patients really should be excluded. 4. The addition of discussing further resections for recurrences after resection is outside of the scope of this paper. Again the treatment of these is superficial with no information about the staging or selection processes for these patients and a comparison of survival between these and patients who did not receive resection without far more detail regarding selection is superficial and adds nothing to the paper.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript is well organized and meet the requirements of ethics, it has certain value of clinical application. However, there still some limitations due to a small sample size. Authors can eliminate this limitation by seeking collaboration to expand the samples.

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Authors have met the issues which i have raised

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this manuscript, authors show details after initial LR and additional surgeries for LMGC patients and identify important factors for prognostic outcomes. And the research has certain value of clinical application.