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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript presented by the authors is very interesting and well written. The topic is of absolute interest as the group of very elderly patients, with of age higher than 80 years, is increasing progresively. As the authors comment this paper is only a short communication based only on 30 patients. The importance of the paper is that it shows that the combination chemotherapy with TA for metastatic CRC may be considered in highly selected elderly patients with considerable caution and with acceptable chemotherapy-related toxicity. I have not special queries. The only observation is that authors should include at the beginning of Methods section that it is a retrospective study. In the original version, no mention to this point is shown.

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To determine the efficacy and safety of combination chemotherapy for metastatic CRC in patients aged above 80 years, 30 metastatic colorectal cancer patients were used to evaluate the effects of combination chemotherapy with TA for patients. Study showed that for the patients who aged above 80 years, combination chemotherapy with TA for metastatic CRC may be considered feasible and salvage chemotherapy can help improve overall survival rates in some selected of these elderly patients. Although this study has certain clinical guiding significance, there are still some problems as follows, 1. Overall, the manuscript was not well rationale, especially in the results and discussion section. Please carefully reorganize and rewrite it. 2. For ethics statements, "Informed consent for chemotherapy was obtained from all patients." Such description is not appropriate, because the patients not only need to be informed about their participation in chemotherapy, they should also be informed about their participation in this study. Please provide some details about your "Informed consent". 3. For experimental design, "Of 30 patients, the median age of 15 patients treated with TA was 83.0 years and that of those without TA was 81.3 years." For what principle (or criterion) are these patients divided into two groups? Age, or disease progression, please give a reasonable reason. 4. For figures and tables in this study, almost all the data was presented as tables, I guess it can be presented as figures which will be more intuitively to deliver the points. (personal suggestion) 5. The impact of different treatment methods on patients requires multi-dimensional evaluation, and should not be limited to indicators such as mortality. For example, the evaluation of patients' feelings should also be displayed, e.g. quality of life.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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The manuscript has been modified according with the recomendations. It imay be now acceptable for publication