

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 16279-Edited.doc).

Title: Stereotactic body radiotherapy using cyberknife® system for patients with locally advanced unresectable and metastatic pancreatic cancer

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) We have listed all the characteristics found in Table 1 separately for each patient

(2) We agree that the p-values with such a small number of patients is not so helpful or necessary. We deleted it.

(3) The toxicity rates we report are quite encouragingly low. The GTV was defined as the tumor visible on the CT scan, and in those with N1 disease, the nodes were not included in the target. The GTV was expanded by 1 or 2 mm to form the PTV. The dose-volume constraints for OARs were: duodenum: D 1ml < 25Gy; stomach and small bowels: D 1ml < 25Gy; **it is being strict with regard to keeping 1 mL < 15 Gy. Because of gastrointestinal peristalsis, it is not a credible values at maximum point dose.** During SBRT treatment, combined adjuvant medications were given to patients. These medications consisted of Chinese herbs and dexamethasone, vitamins, glutathione (GSH), lansoprazole.

(4) Minor language issues: a) The relief of abdominal pain was achieved within two weeks of completing radiotherapy in the patients who received successful palliation (65% of the 20 having significant pain)

(5) Manuscript, Results, Stereotactic body radiotherapy: the maximum spinal cord and bowel point doses listed as means

(6) Manuscript, Results, Toxicity: most toxicities G2 could be recovered by heteropathy.

(7) Table 2: the CT data have been reported recently (we revised it).....

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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