

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 2434-review.doc).

Title: Cytoreductive surgery and HIPEC after neoadjuvant chemotherapy for advanced epithelial ovarian 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

I. There was no description on the IRB approval and the process of informed consent.

Added in the "PATIENTS AND METHODS" section.

II. In the result section, they reported that 6 patients out of 15 candidates who received neoadjuvant chemotherapy before surgery were excluded from the study because they showed progression after three cycles of paclitaxel and carboplatin. The response rate of NAC in this study was too low compared to those of previous studies including EORTC trial (reference 13), suggesting a possibility of selection bias.

Question issued in the fourteenth paragraph of the "DISCUSSION" section.

III. The authors should present more detailed clinicopathologic data, for example, histologic type, grade, and TTC, of 9 patients who received HIPEC. In addition, detailed description of postoperative complications rated by CTCAE grade should be provided.

A new table was added with adverse events.

IV. In this study, 100% rate of optimal cytoreduction was obtained in highly selected patients. However, the selection criteria for CRS and HIPEC were not defined clearly.

Added in the "PATIENTS AND METHODS" section.

V. In last paragraph, there seems to be a typo in the word "though".

Fixed.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of connected loops and a final horizontal stroke.

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