

Response to the editors

„Validity of studies suggesting preoperative chemotherapy for resectable thoracic esophageal cancer: a critical appraisal of randomized trials“ by Manzini G, Klotz U, Henne-Bruns D and Kremer M

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Dear editors,

Thank you for your review of the above mentioned manuscript.

Reviewer's comments to the authors:

The authors critically appraised and observed several deficits of the analysed studies in the Cochrane review by Kidane. This is a paper from a lesser point of view, and they again demonstrates the importance of critically examining even meta-analysis or review that seems to be credible in major journal. I am not a statistician, but I think it will be one of the interesting papers for the wide readers.

Authors comment to the editors:

Thank you very much for the appraisal of our work. The scientific content has not been put in question. According to the reviewer, no revision in regard to the substance of the manuscript is necessary.

In regard to the language (Grade B, Minor language polishing): The manuscript has been edited by a professional translator and editor of medical articles and textbooks (Dr. Barbara Herzberger, please find the confirmation submitted to your system as "non-native speakers of English editing certificate"). Dr. M. Kremer, the last author, served for three years as language editor to the World Journal of Gastroenterology. He also critically re-read the manuscript but could not find any phrases that need to be changed.

I kindly ask you therefore to accept our primarily invited manuscript for publication in the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

Please don't hesitate to contact me in case there are any questions remaining.

Sincerely,

Giulia Manzini on behalf of the authors