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Dear Editor,

We would like to thank the Editorial Board and the expert reviewer for constructive suggestions and insightful comments to improve the quality of our manuscript.

In light of the comments for authors, the manuscript has been revised as follows:

Comments for Authors

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Clinical Oncology, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors.

1 Scientific quality: The manuscript has a title: "Optimal timing of thoracic irradiation for limited stage small cell lung cancer: current evidence and future prospects". The topic is within the scope of the World Journal of Clinical Oncology. (1) Classification: Grade C (Good); (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: Small cell lung cancer (SCLC) poses a formidable challenge to the treating physicians with the worst prognosis among all lung cancers. This review aimed at current evidence and future prospects regarding the optimal timing of thoracic irradiation for limited stage SCLC in light of the literature; (3) Format: There is one figure; (4) References: There are 44 references; (5) Self-cited references;; (6) References recommendations: The authors have the right to refuse to cite improper references recommended by the peer reviewer(s), especially those published by the peer 5 / 6 reviewer(s) him/herself (themselves). If the authors find the peer reviewer(s) request for the authors to cite improper references published by him/herself (themselves), please send the peer reviewer's ID number to editorialoffice@wjgnet.com. The Editorial Office will close and remove the peer reviewer from the F6Publishing system immediately. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade B (Minor language polishing). 3 Academic norms and rules: 4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited review. 5 Issues raised: The "Article Highlights" section is missing. Please add the "Article Highlights" section at the end of the main text; 6 Re-Review: Required. 7 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

In this review, the authors summarized the research on the time sequence of the combination of TRT and chemotherapy in LS-SCLC through clinical research and meta-analysis, and provided more complete information for the overall management of LS-SCLC. However, there are some minor problems in this article. First, the author's language is not concise enough. On the premise that the relevant research is presented in the form of a table, the author does not need to repeat the content of the table in large paragraphs. Secondly, it is recommended that the author draw a table similar to the clinical study in the meta-analysis section to illustrate the problem more intuitively. Finally, it is recommended that the author increase the subtitle of the article to increase the readability of the review.

Relevant Modifications

We, all authors, feel obliged to acknowledge our debt of gratitude for insightful comments and excellent handling of our manuscript.

In light of the comments for authors, we have now added the “Article Highlights” section at the end of the main text. And, subtitles are now added in this revised version of the manuscript.

Also, the whole manuscript has been thoroughly checked for grammatical errors, syntax, and intellectual content. Relevant modifications were performed throughout the manuscript to avoid grammatical, semantical/stylistic and typographical errors.

Finally, we, all authors, acknowledge our debt of gratitude to the distinguished Editorial Board and the expert peer-reviewer who contributed greatly to the improvement of the quality of our manuscript to reach a considerable level of publication in the esteemed “World Journal of Clinical Oncology”.

Thanking you and the expert reviewer again for the meticulous review process and excellent handling of our manuscript,

We remain with our Kindest Regards

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