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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors summarize the surgical treatment strategies for CRLM, and focuses on a problem that is widely concerned in the industry: Is there a role for surgery for colorectal liver metastases progressing during chemotherapy? It is maybe helpful for clinicians to make decision for treatment strategies. However, the article lacks internal logic, and there is no clear logical chain between and within each sub-theme, making it difficult for readers to obtain sufficiently clear research conclusions. The article seems to simply follow the main content of the current international guidelines/standards for the diagnosis and treatment of CRLM in major countries/regions. It does not provide opinions and conclusions about the updated research progress of CRLM, thus cannot provide better help for clinicians to formulate treatment strategies. For the most important theme of this article, the Role for surgery for CRLM progressing during chemotherapy, the authors did not effectively summarize the existing relevant research according to the pros and cons viewpoints, so the readers could not clearly identify the clinical research results for supporting or opposing this specific question.

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The authors provide a great review detailing the integration of surgery with chemotherapy for treatment of colon cancer metastatic to liver. 1) The authors spend a great deal of time discussing management of metastatic colon cancer with mets to the liver. The title of the manuscript however is: Is There a Role for Surgery for Colorectal Liver Metastases Progressing during Chemotherapy? As the title only pertains to the last section of the manuscript, would change the title to better describe the full content of the manuscript 2) Ref 16 was used in the section 'perioperative chemotherapy in initially resectable patients' should quote the numbers in the manuscript, pertaining to overall survival characteristics in both groups 3) In the section 'perioperative chemotherapy in initially unresectable patients', some sentences to describe the complications of bevacizumab towards surgical outcomes should be mentioned.