

Answering Reviewers

Reviewer 1: This is a very well written network meta-analysis paper concerning the assessment of the optimal perioperative treatment regimen for locally resectable gastric cancer on the base of analysis of articles searched from their inception to April 21, 2023 without language restrictions. The authors give the extensive characteristics of selected studies and presented detailed description of inclusion and exclusion criteria applied to select literature and used the appropriate statistical methods. The present meta-analysis showed that only neoadjuvant XELOX plus neoadjuvant radiotherapy and neoadjuvant CF regimens effectively improved the RO resection rate. This study provides valuable insights for clinicians in selecting perioperative treatment regimens for locally resectable gastric cancer. The authors have reviewed and analyzed sufficient amount of literature. The review is supplied with two Tables and four figures.

Answer: thank you very much for your valuable advise.

3 Language evaluation: The English-language grammatical presentation needs to be improved to a certain extent. There are many errors in grammar and format, throughout the entire manuscript. Before final acceptance, the authors must provide the English Language Certificate issued by a professional English language editing company. Please visit the following website for the professional English language editing companies we recommend: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/gerinfo/240>.

Re: We did the linguistic editing of the manuscript and uploaded the proofreading documents to the system.

4 Specific comments:

(1) Please provide the filled conflict-of-interest disclosure form.

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Re: We have provided the drawings cited in the manuscript in the form of PPT as requested, and all the drawings do not involve copyright issues. We've also modified all the images of legends and provided explanations accordingly.

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Re: As requested, we have reduced the title to 18 words.

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