

Reviewer's code: 03551383

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors of this mini-review provide a compact overview of the neoadjuvant treatment in locally advanced esophageal cancer. The article is well written but has some minor limitations which should be corrected before publication: ? Although the authors focus on the preoperative therapy some explanations regarding perioperative therapy should be discussed.

Sir, the relevant literature regarding the perioperative therapy has been added in the revised manuscript.

The conclusion of this review is that the preferred therapy is preoperative radiochemotherapy. This needs to be explained more detailed. It should be mentioned that perioperative chemotherapy is an established option and for this therapy problems of postoperative chemotherapy should be discussed (low rate of completion due to complications, etc.) ? The authors describe adenocarcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma of the esophagus. These two entities should be seen as two different types of cancer and therapy options should be explained for each of them. Squamous cell carcinoma seems to be significantly more sensitive to radiotherapy and definitive radiotherapy is seen as a suitable therapy in selected patients. These issues should be mentioned in the review. ?

Sir, your point is well taken. We agree that histopathological type may be relevant in deciding the preoperative therapy; however, the previous studies have included both the subtypes, making it difficult to do subgroup analysis.

In several sections the literature is missing. (E.g. Introduction: Median survival rate after esophagectomy is 15 to 18 months with a 5-year survival rate of 20 to 25%. or Preoperative or Perioperative Chemotherapy: It is known that almost 50% of the patients do not respond to chemotherapy). Citations for these statements should be provided. These corrections should be made before publication. Besides from that, this is a very well written review on this topic. I would therefore recommend rejection with minor revisions.

Sir, the relevant references have been added.

Reviewer's code: 00038617

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In this review, the authors focused preoperative therapy such as radiotherapy, chemotherapy and chemoradiotherapy for resectable locally advanced esophageal cancer. The authors have concluded that preoperative chemoradiotherapy followed by surgery is current standard care for the management of locally advanced esophageal cancer. The manuscript is almost well written and covers recent reports. I recommend the conclusion would be more conservative. Minor Comment)The authors should revise their manuscript in consideration of the following issue.Preoperative chemoradiotherapy followed by surgery is currently the standard treatment in not all countries. In Japan, preoperative chemotherapy followed by surgery is the standard treatment. The optimum neoadjuvant treatment regimen has not been established, because including western and eastern populations, trials used different drugs, doses, and schedules of chemotherapy and radiotherapy. However, there is a global agreement for patients with locally advanced esophageal cancer, that neoadjuvant CRT remains strongly recommended compared to neoadjuvant chemotherapy alone.

Sir, your point is well taken. Your suggestions have been incorporated in the revised manuscript.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS:

1. Please revise and perfect your manuscript according to peer-reviewers' comments.

Sir, the title has been revised accordingly.

2. Author contributions: XXX (family name should be put first in full, followed by middle names and first name in abbreviation with first letter in capital) designed research; XXX performed research; XXX contributed new reagents or analytic tools; XXX analyzed data; XXX wrote the paper. An author may list more than one contribution, and more than one author may have contributed to the same aspect.

Sir, the information has been added in the revised manuscript.

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The abstract has been revised.

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The references have been corrected.