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publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
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Good , well written and documented paper.

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1. The authors reported statin therapy does not affect patient survival following liver resection for colorectal liver metastases (CRLM), and the reason for this key finding is that statins do not modulate tumour biology of CRLM. The paper is of some scientific interest and clinical value. 2. The quality of work reported in the paper is average. (1) The organization and analysis of results need improvement. The results are not well defined and need improvement, and methods introduction should be moved to the Methods section. (2) The authors indicate that "The IMD did not have a significant relationship with the use of statins ($p=0.253$)". The authors should discuss this point in more detail (Statistical analysis). (3) In Statistical analysis and Table 3, the statistical significance between each group should be explained in more detail, and if possible, add some statistical parameters (P value, e.g.). (4) The different types and different doses of statins should be explained in more detail in the Methods and Results section. Can you further explain in the comparison of results?

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The manuscript analyses the impact of statins on resected colorectal liver metastases. This is an interesting approach, but some major aspects should be checked/explained:

- In this type of work, usually there are some inclusion and exclusion criteria, how was this process done? Please, explain.
- Please, analyze in details the weakness of the work.
- Please, analyze the impact of time under medication as well as type of statin on the final result; in this line, while refining data maybe some conclusion could be determined.

The authors mention that they have not taken into account the individual statins because there are no reports on this topic, but this is the novelty of the work. Please, consider.

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In this retrospective study, the authors reported that statin therapy did not affect the survival of patients after liver resection for colon hepatic metastasis, and they reported as a major reason why statins do not participate in tumor biological process. The results are well-organized according to the author's research, but there is one issue with statistical analysis. In presenting the results of each table, there is no indication of statistical significance between groups. It should be supplemented for that issue.

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