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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Dr Ian Chau This text is well arranged with clear logic and abundant literature review. Except its great length, there are also some minor mistakes in the manuscript. I suggested you could use some flow charts to make the treatment options been more clear. detailed comments page5:line19:The sentence"5-year and 10-year survival rates were 37% and 10-year respectively"does not make sense

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The authors revised the current knowledge of colorectal liver metastases, with the title "chemotherapy first, operate or palliate". Although the revision is globally adequate it lacks a critical analysis of objectively defined prognostic factors in resectable and borderline CLM and for unresectable CLM. This is a critical problem due the different ways to call similar patients with CLM (resectable, border-line, unresectable, good prognosis, neoadjuvant, clearly R0 resectable, conversion chemotherapy...etc). In addition, the limited number of well design randomized clinical trials difficult the interpretation. These two aspects (the lack of homogeneous prognostic factors for CLM and the lack of well designed randomized clinical trials) should be better defined in the review .

Minor comments: In the introduction " The treatment option for CLM include:" hepatic radiotherapy is not discussed in the text (probably better should be deleted). 2.3.4. "other local ablative methods" would be probably better placed in 2.3 "Localised treatment options" and separated from 2.3.2 and 2.3.3 which are in fact systemic treatments administered exclusively in the liver. In "Conversion chemotherapy for borderline CLM". The authors should discuss also the EPOC trial presented in the last ASCO Meeting which shows negative results of chemotherapy plus cetuximab vs chemotherapy alone in CLM. This study should be discussed and results compared with the study of Ye et al.

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well written, please mention also the EPOC trial