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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

An interesting papaer, with an easily measureable potential predictive parameter. Comments; 1. Authors should perform a ROC analysis and identify the best differentiating cut-off value for the LMR parameter 2. Sensitivity, specificity, PPR NPV values should be calculated and added 3. All analysis should be re-done by using the cut-off value identified by the ROC analysis.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This paper described the prognostic significance of the lymphocyte to monocyte ration in patients with unresetable colorectal cancer. I'm really interested in this paper but there are a few points that should be addressed before consideration of its publication. I have the following comments - Major 1. I was interested in how useful the lymphocyte to monocyte ratio (LMR) is to evaluate the prognosis of patients with advanced cancer, compared with established makers, such as the neutrophil to lymphocyte ratio (NLR) or Glasgow prognostic score. I feel NLR is quite similar to the LMR because we can easily get both results from examination of peripheral blood. I recommend the authors show the strengths and differences of evaluating the LMR compared with the NLR in this study. 2. Did the authors check other cut-off levels of the LMR? In this study, the author set 4 as the cut-off levels according to the median pretreatment LMR. Was the cut-off level 4 was the most significant value to predict the prognosis? 3. I feel the performance status and the response to chemotherapy are stronger makers to predict the prognosis. The authors should show the PS and chemotherapy response to first-line chemotherapy and analyze those makers if those were significant



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4. All first-line regimens did not seem to include molecular targeting agents. As you know, those new drugs significantly improve the prognosis of the patients with advanced colorectal cancer. How about Kras status or using molecular targeting agents, bevacizumab, cetuximab or panitumumab? 5. I am really interested in normalization of the LMR as the prognostic value. I was wondering if there was a relationship of response between the LMR and the chemotherapy or not. 6. In this study, there were 42 patients with metachronous unresectable cancer and 62 patients with synchronous unresectable cancer. But I'm not sure how many patients underwent surgical resection of the primary tumor. I understand the role of surgical resection of the primary tumor remains controversial for patients with advanced colorectal cancer. But I feel those data are very important. Minor 1. The authors should not use the unexplained abbreviation, "LMR" in the abstract.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this manuscript, the authors investigate the prognostic significance of the lymphocyte to monocyte ratio (LMR) in patients with unresectable metastatic CRC. Although this ratio has been used in other type of cancer, it is the first time it was tested in this subset of unresectable metastatic CRC, which brings some insights for prognosis and treatment. Major Revisions 1. I suggest that authors should cite the toxic and side-effect of different drugs in first-line chemotherapy at the time of collection of the blood count, since this fact that the type and dose of drug should reduce lymphocyte counts. 2. In Discussion, the authors limited themselves to review the existing evidences on the LMR reflects both the immune status of the host and the degree of tumor progression. I believe that revision is important because the study evaluates the relationship of LMR and the various clinicopathological factors. For example, regarding the use of previously oxaliplatin and its effects on lymphocytes populations. 3. It's not clear what dependent parameter the authors used for the time of collection of the blood samples. Moreover, for prognostic purposes, the dependent variable should be overall survival (i.e. the primary endpoint in oncologic studies). Minor essential revisions: The manuscript



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is in general well written, but needs a native speaker revision.