



PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

Manuscript NO: 72456

Title: Is C 9-9 effective in predicting chemotherapeutic response in patients with synchronous liver metastases with colorectal cancer?

Provenance and peer review: Invited Manuscript; Externally peer reviewed

Peer-review model: Single blind

Reviewer’s code: 05999238

Position: Peer Reviewer

Academic degree: MD, MSc

Professional title: Doctor

Reviewer’s Country/Territory: Spain

Author’s Country/Territory: Turkey

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Language quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear authors, I've read your article regarding the value of CA19-9 in colorectal cancer with interest. In my opinion the discussion point should be moved to why is Ca19-9 not recommended by ASCO guidelines or the clinical and pathological characteristic of patients with positive Ca19-9 vs patients with negative CA19-9 instead of stage groups.



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript entitled "Is CA19-9 effective in predicting chemotherapeutic response in patients with synchronous liver metastases with colorectal cancer?" raised a question regarding comparison of CA19-9 levels in CRC patients and using CA19-9 as a promising indicator for predicting response to chemotherapy. I believe the issues raised by the authors will help improve the conclusions in the original article. I suggest to publish the manuscript.



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To elaborate predictive scores for the response to treatment in complicated diseases such as synchronous liver metastases in colorectal cancer would allow significant economic and human suffering savings. [Cancer Radiother 2017; 21 (6-7): 539-543] The article published in our journal [World J Gastroenterol 2021 Oct 14; 27 (38): 6465-6475] does a good job through a retrospective study that, although it is not definitive, it gives clues for a prospective one to find a combination of biological elements that answer the question of to what extent chemotherapy is useful in these patients. In the letter to the editor under review, the authors question the use of CA19-9 in this score. The question is well founded and should be published as it puts into context an interesting issue: to what extent is a nonspecific marker useful in combination with other biological markers? Could the observed significance be a statistical bias? I think the authors of the first article should give their point of view.



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Reader Comments: We carefully read the original article (Ma et al) and the reference in the discussion part (Zhou et al). The author of this comment has rigorous scientific research thinking and carefully read the literature. It is found that the references cited in the discussion part of the original text are not very appropriate. Although the sentences of the article in Zhou et al clarified that the level of CA199 can predict the prognosis, the two research groups are completely different, so it is not appropriate to cite the references of Zhou et al. Lingling Wang, MMSc, Zheng Liu, M.D. Dept. of Colorectal Surgery National Cancer Center/ Cancer Hospital, Chinese Academy of Medical Science 17 Panjiayuan Nanli, Chaoyang District, Beijing, China, 100021