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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I have a few minor comments about this manuscript 1) In line 4-5 of results in abstract, line 6 in treatment responses and survival of page 9 and line 2 of page 10, author showed only adjusted data. I think raw data are more significant than adjusted. Please describe



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the unadjusted data of PFS and OS firstly. 2) In line 2 in treatment characteristics of page 9, author mentioned "treatment durations were statistically similar". I think statistical analysis showed "no difference between two groups" but "similar". Please reconsider statistical interpretation.

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it's an interesting paper about using modified dose of folfirinox. Results and statistical analysis were clear. this result give a strong conclusion



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This paper compares the effects of standard and modified doses of folfirinox used for the treatment of pancreatic cancer. The authors examined the efficacy and adverse effects. It is a well-presented, retrospective study performed in one institution. I suggest that the

authors make sure to point out how this study differs from other studies that have compared to the standard and modified doses of these reagents, specifically references 13 through 17. The limitations of the study are presented on page 12. It would have been better to have equal numbers of patients in both groups, as well as a more even gender distribution, but this is difficult with respect retrospective studies. The data and statistical tests seem solid. The authors did find a significant reduction in adverse effects with the modified dose. Minor remark-The syntax is a bit awkward in the first and second paragraphs of the discussion and should be reviewed and reworded. Example-From manuscript: Therefore, our study could support the necessity of dose modification from the initiation of treatment, without compromising treatment efficacy, at least in elderly and female patients who have more concerns on treatment-related toxicities. Reworded: Therefore, our study supports dose modification from the initiation of treatment, without ...

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