

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Manuscript NO: 42215

Title: Impact of time from diagnosis to chemotherapy in advanced gastric cancer: A Propensity Score Matching Study to Balance Prognostic Factors

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The study is relevant and the obtained results are of practical interest. This problem continues to be discussed in the scientific circles and is far from final conclusions. Therefore, each new study allows us to advance in understanding this problem.



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Although the authors found no correlations between the time to initiation of treatment and the long-term outcome of treatment for patients receiving chemotherapy due to the inoperable gastric cancer, they noted a number of other important factors affecting to the survival of these patients. These data are important, since they allow us to outline the approaches to correcting the treatment, in order to improve the results. However, the manuscript contains a number of significant shortcomings, which are, to a greater extent, technical in nature. After correcting the indicated shortcomings, the manuscript can be accepted for publication. The title of the manuscript. The authors found a relationship between the CRP levels, Alb levels and monotherapy with long-term results of advanced gastric cancer treatment, but the title of the manuscript emphasizes only the time from diagnosis to chemotherapy. Materials and methods. The following characteristics of patients are not reflected in the manuscript: - The patients were unresectable due to the primary tumor or in the connection with the distant metastases? - The nature of metastatic lesions (liver, peritoneal dissemination, lung, solitary or multiple metastases). These data also could influence to the results of therapy. Results: The comparison of treatment results in primary patients with advanced gastric cancer and in patients with relapse of gastric cancer was not reflected in manuscript. There is a discrepancy between the data in the text of the manuscript and in Table 2. There are unsuccessful subheadings, for example, "A-GC patients in the early and elective WT groups" The first paragraph in this section would be logical to place in the "Patient characteristics" section, especially since the data in it are related to the Table 1. As reflected by the survival curves, the authors give data on the median survival, and not on the overall survival, that is traditionally given in the percentages relative to a certain time interval (Figure 3, 4, Supplementary Figure). Regression analysis does not include data on the impact of targeted therapy to the patient survival. Discussion. There are no references to the publications: "There are, however, few reports on whether delay in the



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initiation of chemotherapy for unresectable solid cancer." There are stylistic shortcomings in the language, for example: "Therefore, patients with A-GC will have patients with lung cancer who will not be able to receive them." "We assessed these individuals to assess the impact of WT on overall survival ..." Unsuccessful expressions: "advanced cancer without surgical indication" is inoperable cancer. Tables. The authors only quote percentages, not giving absolute number of cases. In the calculations there are obvious errors. For example, in Table 1-2 there is a discrepancy between the frequency of cases in the «Total group» and the groups «Early WT» and «Elective WT». When I tried to calculate the number of patients in the groups, the result was a fractional number. In the title of Table 3, "Multiple logistic regression analysis of prognosis in A-GC patients" is indicated only to multivariate analysis, although the table presents data on univariate analysis and multivariate analysis.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

ESPS Manuscript NO: 03713770 Title: The Impact of Time from Diagnosis to Chemotherapy in Advanced Gastric Cancer: A propensity score matching study The manuscript is well designed and had appropriate methodology. Also, it was considered



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relevant to a current problem in advanced gastric cancer treatment. The text is easy to follow as well as readable and presentable but there are no new ideas. Also, abstract section has to be improved. Overall, this is a very interesting study but it needs some revisions.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this study, the authors have evaluated the effect of treatment delay on clinical outcomes in patients with advanced gastric cancer. The result could be helpful for designing of the chemotherapy regimen. There are some points that need to be



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improved. 1. There are several grammatical errors need to be corrected. 2. Another group has also published a similar study in 2015, this should be discussed. (Early Versus Delayed Therapy of Advanced Gastric Cancer Patients – Does it make a difference? Oncology. 2015;89(4):215-220. doi:10.1159/000434647.)

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This study analyzed the prognosis of stage IV gastric cancer according to waiting time from diagnosis to chemotherapy. This is a well designed study and provide useful information.



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this meta analysis, the authors discussed a frequently published topic, although well written, designed and analyzed however it lacks the following points: 1. In methodology; waiting time is very short and were not categorized, how can we judge insignificant



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result with this short waiting time (2 weeks)? 2. Why you exclude patients had underwent gastric resection and only those received chemotherapy were enrolled 3. The sample size is very low in comparison to others i.e (Brenkman et al., 2017) 4. Statistical sensitivity analysis is not included in your study for different degrees of tumor differentiation 5. Discussion needs to be more descriptive and to be cited with more disagreed conclusions. 6. Many spelling mistakes are needed to be corrected with language editing.

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