

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

**Name of journal:** World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology

**Manuscript NO:** 51238

**Title:** Prognostic scoring system for synchronous brain metastasis at diagnosis of colorectal cancer: a population-based study.

**Reviewer's code:** 01133666

**Position:** Peer Reviewer

**Academic degree:** FEBS, MD, PhD

**Professional title:** Associate Professor, Research Scientist, Senior Research Fellow

**Reviewer's country:** United Kingdom

**Author's country:** China

**Reviewer chosen by:** Jin-Lei Wang

**Reviewer accepted review:** 2019-10-15 00:21

**Reviewer performed review:** 2019-11-04 01:25

**Review time:** 20 Days and 1 Hour

SCIENTIFIC QUALITY	LANGUAGE QUALITY	CONCLUSION	PEER-REVIEWER STATEMENTS
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	Peer-Review:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language	(High priority)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer's expertise on the
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not	language polishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision	topic of the manuscript:
publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advanced
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> General
			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS



**Baishideng  
Publishing  
Group**

7041 Koll Center Parkway, Suite  
160, Pleasanton, CA 94566, USA  
**Telephone:** +1-925-223-8242  
**E-mail:** bpgoffice@wjgnet.com  
**https://**www.wjgnet.com

Prognostic scoring system for synchronous brain metastasis at diagnosis of colorectal cancer: a population-based study The issue of brain metastases is critical for patients, also for CRC. This study is interesting in the collection of data on this specific patient group There are a couple of comments to make for this article. 1. Please provide Kaplan meier for BM and also non-BM CRC patients and when possible patients with metachronous BM. 2. English language should be corrected. 3. Add synchronous to BM in a few sentences.

#### **INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT**

##### ***Google Search:***

- ☐ The same title
- ☐ Duplicate publication
- ☐ Plagiarism
- ☐ No

##### ***BPG Search:***

- ☐ The same title
- ☐ Duplicate publication
- ☐ Plagiarism
- ☐ No

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

**Name of journal:** World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology

**Manuscript NO:** 51238

**Title:** Prognostic scoring system for synchronous brain metastasis at diagnosis of colorectal cancer: a population-based study.

**Reviewer's code:** 01576255

**Position:** Peer Reviewer

**Academic degree:** MBBS, MD, MSc

**Professional title:** Associate Professor, Research Scientist

**Reviewer's country:** Germany

**Author's country:** China

**Reviewer chosen by:** Jin-Lei Wang

**Reviewer accepted review:** 2019-10-15 00:23

**Reviewer performed review:** 2019-11-04 01:32

**Review time:** 20 Days and 1 Hour

SCIENTIFIC QUALITY	LANGUAGE QUALITY	CONCLUSION	PEER-REVIEWER STATEMENTS
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	Peer-Review:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language	(High priority)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer's expertise on the
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not	language polishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision	topic of the manuscript:
publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advanced
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> General
			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Reasonable treatment is helpful to improve prognosis of patients, and accurate prognostic evaluation is also important to guide therapy, and the two complement each other. However, the survival of some patients with brain metastasis is different in clinical practice. Thus, establishing a scoring system to accurately distinguish the survival differences and then choose individualized treatment is crucial. At present, only very little literatures focused on the analysis of synchronous brain metastasis. There has been no prognostic scoring system specifically for synchronous brain metastasis from CRC. In this point of view, this study will be important and interesting to the clinician. The study design is good with a clear aim. The sample of 371 patients is big and enough for this study. Methods were described in detail. The results of this interesting scoring system is reasonable. A minor language editing is required, before final publication.

## **INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT**

### ***Google Search:***

- ☐ The same title
- ☐ Duplicate publication
- ☐ Plagiarism
- ☐ No

### ***BPG Search:***

- ☐ The same title
- ☐ Duplicate publication
- ☐ Plagiarism
- ☐ No