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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Charalampakis et al. reviewed the existing data on trimodality approaches for gastric and gastroesophageal junction cancers, they also made comments on the remaining questions and presented the current research effort addressing them. This is a good review. I suggest the number of authors are reduced to no more than five. The language needs polishing a little bit.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Charalampakis and colleagues performed a comprehensive review on previous study and current progress on the treatment GC and GEJC. The review is generally well-written with few grammar mistakes or typos, and provides a panorama on treatment of the specific cancers. The article is well-organized with clear structure and appropriate language. There are only some minor corrections, as listed below:

1. Page 2: 'understanding has improved of phenotypic and genotypic correlations', of should be on?
2. Page 3: is there any environmental or genetic factors for diffuse type?
3. Page 5, last paragraph: What is the significance of molecular subtyping in therapy, especially immunotherapy?
4. Page 6, last paragraph: 'can be classified according to the Siewert classification, in type I', in should be into?
5. Page 7, first line: 'wheras' should be 'whereas'
6. Page 7, 'wheras D2 is when all N1 and N2 nodes (distant perigastric nodes and nodes along main arteries supplying the stomach) are removed (25). ' please rephrase the sentence.
7. Page 8, 2nd line: Should provide the details on response improvement.
8. Page 8, 2nd paragraph: 'addition of radiotherapy', is this combination or sequential?
9. Page 8, 2nd paragraph: Why some patients did not receive post-surgical adjuvant therapy, which should be a routine for T3 patients.
10. Page 9, 3rd paragraph: is preoperative hypoalbuminemia an independent risk factor? is it a predictive marker?
11. Page 11, 2nd paragraph: a summary of main findings should be added.
12. Page 11, 4th paragraph: Was there any benefit using radiotherapy? Need to brief the results.
13. Page 17, 1st paragraph: a summary is needed for this section as there are many studies
14. Page 18, 1st paragraph: a summary is needed.
15. Page 20, 1st paragraph: a summary is needed.
16. Page 23, 2nd paragraph: a summary is needed.



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17. Page 25, conclusion: The role of radiotherapy is one main focus of the review, should make conclusions on radiotherapy.

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Dear authors: The manuscript is about the trimodality treatment in gastric and gastroesophageal junction cancers. In general, it introduces some current treatments and ongoing clinical studies. But it is regrettable that there exist significant weaknesses which need to be revised.

1. In "Treatment" part, the logical relationship among sub-headings is confused. For example, on page 7, in "Synergy of chemotherapy and radiotherapy - The role of immunotherapy" part, the authors mainly described the combination treatment of surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy, so this sub-heading and the header content are obviously inappropriate. Therefore, the authors should list the several main modes of trimodality treatment, and then describe them in turn.
2. In "Histology" part, the authors should supplement the relationship between esophageal carcinoma and gastroesophageal junction carcinoma, and then describe the histological features.
3. At the end of the text, the authors should discuss their prospects of this field.
4. There are some spelling and grammar mistakes in the text that need to be corrected (see attached files).
5. Please write numbers in Arabic numerals or English, do not mix.

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Nice article. Congratulations.