PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology*

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Reviewer chosen by: AI Technique

Reviewer accepted review: 2022-03-09 06:13

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Review time: 1 Hour

Scientific quality	[ ] Grade A: Excellent [Y] Grade B: Very good [ ] Grade C: Good [ ] Grade D: Fair [ ] Grade E: Do not publish
Language quality	[ ] Grade A: Priority publishing [Y] Grade B: Minor language polishing [ ] Grade C: A great deal of language polishing [ ] Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	[ ] Accept (High priority) [ ] Accept (General priority) [Y] Minor revision [ ] Major revision [ ] Rejection
Re-review	[Y] Yes [ ] No

Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: [ ] Anonymous [Y] Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: [ ] Yes [Y] No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Authors,   I would like to congratulate you with this fine review.   I have only few minor issues.   First of all, what was the literature extraction process? How have you chosen those articles you were reviewing? What were the inclusion/exclusion criteria? Secondly, I would like to see the Flow chart of your review. Moreover, you are using other authors Figures, aren't you? Have you got the approval of its usage? Also, I would like to see more tables summarizing the literature.   Thank you once again.

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Scientific quality	[ ] Grade A: Excellent [ ] Grade B: Very good [Y] Grade C: Good [ ] Grade D: Fair [ ] Grade E: Do not publish
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you have mentioned that some studies revealed partial regression of LN despite complete lysis of the primary and you did not give explanation. You have mentioned that it is difficult for pathologist to differentiate between compete fibrosis due to response and normal LN, so you mean that normal LN can develop fibrosis after therapy?? You did not mention any of the molecular or factors that can predict LN regression after therapy