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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Comment on the Manuscript title: Multimodality management of resectable gastric cancer The manuscript describes a literature review of multi-modality treatment of resectable gastric cancer. The review includes pivotal trials of neoadjuvant, perioperative and adjuvant treatments together with limited review on surgery. In addition, the authors summarise ongoing trials and briefly mention future directions. In general, this is a limited review of pivotal trials. The authors mention some meta-analysis to answer specific questions. The manuscript serves as a useful summary more than a review. It is certainly not a systematic review. The title is appropriate and reflects the major topic and content of the manuscript. However, the title is restrictive to resectable gastric cancer where as the review does also include some trials on advanced non-resectable gastric cancer. The title should also indicate that this is a review article. The abstract is vague and does not give a clear delineation of the treatment strategy. The abstract should indicate the nature of the manuscript as a limited review article and should summarise the contents of the review and conclusions. The various sections of the review are clearly headed and include the crucial results of the trials with no attempts to compare trials in as far as possible. The conclusion strays into points not covered in the review such as the utility of laparoscopic surgery and makes recommendations not supported by the review. There are a few points which the authors may consider revising: 1. The authors comment in their conclusion on the utility of laparoscopic surgery without having summarised the scientific basis under the surgical or curative resection section. 2. The authors repeatedly mention the inclusion of gastric



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cancer and cancer of EGJ in trials but at no point do they explain this inclusion in terms of biological behaviour etc. 3. The authors mention, patient heterogeneity in terms of Asian and Caucasian patients. However, they do not mention anything about disease heterogeneity. 4. The conclusion needs to be a little more specific in terms of what this literature review offers. References in this manuscript are appropriate and relevant. The table is also appropriate and useful as a summary. In summary, this is a reasonable summary of the issue. It is written as a monograph but not as a scientific or systematic review. It would be useful as a supplement.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Title: Multimodality management of resectable gastric cancer. Authors indicate the current states and future directions of the multidisciplinary managements to the resectable gastric cancer. This manuscript is very interesting and well written. However, I feel there are some problems in this article. (1) In Neoadjuvant chemotherapy, I feel the presentation of FAMTX trial is not suitable because this study is too old and the 5-year survival rate is too low. (2) Abstract, Introduction and Curative resection are very sharp and compact. However, subsequent paragraphs are slightly rambling talk. The author should change these paragraphs more compact and brief.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Multimodal treatment of gastric cancer is a standard at present. However, the most important is the assessment of clinical staging according to TNM on the basis of imaging examinations, staging laparotomy or laparoscopy. At present therapeutic decisions are possible in interdisciplinary teams including an oncological surgeon, clinical oncologist, radiotherapist and radiologist. However, the review manuscript is lacking the following elements: ? Research method including the sources which the authors used and the period of time in databases. ? Not sufficient number of literature ? Lack definition in the method: neoadjuvant chemotherapy, perioperative chemotherapy, adjuvant chemotherapy and radiotherapy. The title should include the information that this is a manuscript of a review character. The abstract is clear for the reader. However, I do not quite agree with the sentence: "Surgical resection with at least a D1 lymphadenectomy and at least 15 regional nodes removed is the standard of care in the United States, while a D2 lymphadenectomy is the recommended procedure in Asia." D2 lymphadenectomy is also a standard in Western and Central Europe. The introduction is clear. Chapter: Materials and methods was not presented. References: 43 sources quoted by the authors seem not sufficient as for a review manuscript. Tables are clear and understandable.



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Adenocarcinoma of the stomach is one of the most common malignancies in the world. The manuscript summarized multi-modality treatment of resectable gastric cancer. Meanwhile, the authors also briefly mentioned the future direction for gastric cancer. Major concern: 1. The abstract is confused and should summarize the contents of the manuscript. 2. The conclusion is too simple and it should be more specific in multi-modality treatment and future directions. 3. The number of references of this review is not sufficient. Minor concern: The manuscript should be polished.