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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an article showing the results of adjuvant chemotherapy in a two-stage multi-center phase II study. The study concludes that adjuvant chemotherapy with CBDCA AND DTX is useful and has an acceptable toxicity. It is a descriptive work in a single arm of 67 patients with a well designed and implemented methodology (inclusion and exclusion criteria, pretreatment and treatment schedule). Statistical analysis is correct. The main limitation of this study, as the authors pointed out, is the short number of patients included. This is nevertheless an interesting work demonstrating the feasibility of this adjuvant chemotherapy treatment in patients with NSCLC.



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1. Please explain why only 3 courses of adjuvant chemo were given. The standard number of adjuvant courses is 4.
2. Grade 4 neutropenia of 66% is excessive. This is even more than your grade 3.
3. Is this a mistake? If so, this would explain the rare neutropenic fever.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Good work on an important topic. I have only one major comment for your study -Although compliance rate is not bad, still grade 3/4 neutropenia rate is very high. Also we should consider that these are completely resected patients. I would not call this regimen as showing "acceptable toxicity". Please revise accordingly



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Dear Authors: This is a well conducted phase II study for adjuvant lung cancer treatment though the case number is small. The choice and dose of docetaxol and carboplatin is reasonable for the purpose. The application of G-CSF can be considered in future study because of frequent Grade 3 and grade 4 neutropenia. The 6 th edition pathology stage can be omitted in table 1 because the old staging is no longer used. In table 3,the incidence of peripheral neuropathy should be provided.