

## ANSWERS for REVIEWERS' REMARKS



**Title: Chemotherapy in elderly patients with colorectal cancer**

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Dear Editor in chief,

Thank you for your kind review.

I think these comments are very helpful.

I have tried to follow the reviewers' remarks as possible as possible.

I believe that this paper would become much better by reflecting the reviewers' comments with a high quality.

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 15439-review.docx).

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers as following:

### 1) Reviewer 538725

I think it is a publishable review, but suggest discussing neo-adjuvant chemotherapy for CRC among elders a little bit.

→ You have a very interesting point. To the best of our knowledge, there are no data available from randomized studies of perioperative chemoradiation in older patients with rectal cancer. Several retrospective studies have reported that preoperative (neoadjuvant) chemoradiation therapy with 5-FU or capecitabine also increases the feasibility of anal sphincter-preserving surgery with an excellent downstaging in patients 70 years or older with locally advanced rectal cancer<sup>[37,38]</sup>.

### 2) Reviewer 3003193

Nice review of the management of elderly patients with colorectal cancer. I think the review of clinical trial data is quite good. However the review of relevant research regarding treatment patterns and staging appears lacking. Maybe more comprehensive review would help. Would you also recommend describing how one could use the geriatric assessment you discussed. Overall a very nice paper.

→ I have tried to follow your remarks. I reviewed relevant research papers according to disease (rectal cancer or colon cancer), treatment patterns (adjuvant or palliative), and staging (stage III or IV). I also presented references so that readers could use the geriatric assessment in the text.

### 3) Editor's recommendation

For manuscripts submitted by non-native speakers of English, please provided language certificate by professional English language editing companies mentioned in '**The Revision Policies of BPG for TOPIC HIGHLIGHT**'.

→ My manuscript has been edited by an English expert before submission, so I don't think that I need to get a certificate by professional English language editing companies.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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