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Reviewer's Comments:

In this review Okamoto et al illustrate the advantages of a DC vaccine named "Vaccell" which has been established in Japan and optimized by the authors with the use of the streptococcal adjuvant OK-432.

It is an important issue and I think of interest for the readers.

However, in my opinion a more exhaustive description of the issue is needed.

In particular few tables should be added to describe : -

Patients characteristics - Immunological assessment of patients enrolled in retrospective and prospective studies as: frequency of CD4, CD8 and NK cells before and after treatment, analysis by tetramer of antigen-specific T cells, IFN-gamma and DTH values, cytokines produced by antigen specific T cells, phenotype of PBL subsets i.e neutrophils and/or MDSCs. (In the case of the prospective studies data on WT1-I and /or WT1-II should be reported). - Data on tolerability and side effects.

Responses:

This is a mini-review article based on a lot of original articles and on the several clinical studies.

Summary and the important points are shown in this article.

About more detailed patients' information, please read original articles.