

Oligometastatic non-small-cell lung cancer. Current management

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Dear Dr OTERO-ROMERO,

Reviewers have now commented on your paper. You will see that they are advising that you revise your manuscript. If you are prepared to undertake the work required, I would be pleased to reconsider my decision.

For your guidance, reviewers' comments are appended below.

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Reviewers' comments:

Reviewer #1: This paper provides a thorough overview of the clinical literature on the topic of radiation treatment for oligometastatic non-small cell lung cancer. A few revisions are recommended to the authors in order to the strengthen the manuscript.

- 1. Unfortunately, there are significant grammatical errors scattered throughout the paper which are too numerous to list which need fixed.
- 2. I do think the section on treatment of brain oligometastasis can be shortened. I do not think many patients will be considered for whole brain radiation therapy in this cohort so the summary of whole brain radiation trials may not be necessary.
- 3. I do think the paper could be enriched by a few paragraphs on the role of radiation in the treatment of patients with oligoprogession who are on immune checkpoint inhibitors. This is an increasing common clinical scenario in NSCLC. It may be worth mentioning the STOP trial or other data /studies that evaluate SBRT for oligoprogression on checkpoint inhibitors https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03808662.
- 4. Also the hypothesis of synergism of lung SBRT with immune checkpoint inhibitors may be of interest to the journal's audience. Studies on this topic include the PEMBRO-RT study (doi:10.1001/jamaoncol.2019.1478) and this pooled analysis of 2 studies (https://doi.org/10.1016/S2213-2600(20)30391-X).

Authors' response

Dear reviewers,

Thank you for your revision,

We have revised the manuscript following your comments.

- 1. We have corrected the grammatical errors.
- 2. We have shortened the section on treatment of brain oligometastasis by removing the resume of the whole brain radiation therapy trials.

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3. We have added a new section on SBRT and immune checkpoint inhibitors.

I hope these corrections have improved your view of the article.

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Dear author(s),

Reviewers have submitted their critical appraisal of your paper. The reviewers' comments are appended below. Based on their comments and evaluation by the editorial board, your work was FOUND SUITABLE FOR PUBLICATION AFTER MINOR REVISION.

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Reviewers' comments:

Dear authors,

Firstly we must apologize to you for the delay in receiving the reviewer report. The original reviewer was not responding to his assignment, and after two reminders we terminated his assignment and evaluated your manuscript ourselves.

Based on your modifications, we deem the manuscript eligible for publication as you have properly addressed all of the reviewer's concerns. However, your manuscript is still replete with grammar, spelling, and syntax errors. As explained in our author guidelines, manuscripts must conform to academic English standards before we can publish them. Please consult with a native speaker to proofread the text, or otherwise consult the journal's board for help. We

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Thank you,

Michal Heger Editor

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Dear authors,

I am pleased to inform you that your manuscript has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Clinical and Translational Research.

You will receive the proofs of your article shortly, which we kindly ask you to thoroughly review for any errors.

Thank you for submitting your work to JCTR.

Kindest regards,

Michal Heger Editor-in-Chief Journal of Clinical and Translational Research

Comments from the editors and reviewers: