

Peer Review File

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Reviewer A

The authors present a case series of 2 patients with LM disease from GE oringin
This is a rare but extremely lethal problem. I believe their paper contributes to the literature and may provide insight in how to treat these patients
I have only 2 comments

1. Page 2 line 59. the sentence is missing a word. The patient experience difficulty obtaining what post operatively?

Reply 1: This seems to pertain to Page 2, line 78-79. We have reworded the sentence to explain that the patient had difficulty accessing the medication

2. the table 1 needs to be formatted better as the words in the first row are cut. i,e age, reference...

Reply 2: Thank you for pointing this out! We have modified the formatting of table 1 as advised

Reviewer B

You described "Intrathecal Topotecan with Systemic Checkpoint Inhibitor Therapy for Gastroesophageal Cancer with Leptomeningeal Involvement: Two Case Reports and Review of the Literature". This is a case report on the useful treatment for gastroesophageal cancer with leptomeningeal metastases by Intrathecal Topotecan with systemic checkpoint inhibitor therapy. It is a very interesting issue and this manuscript is well written. I determine that this manuscript is worthy of acceptance to "Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology". The following are the shortcomings that need to be corrected.

Minor comments:

1. There are some errors in table 1. For example, "Esophageal" is used in the item of "Primary tumor location" instead of "Esophagus".

Reply 1: Thank you for noting this inconsistency. We have modified table 1 with "Esophagus" for the relevant sections

2. You should exhibit the lesions explained in figure legends in all figures with arrow or arrowhead to make it easier for readers to read. Please correct.

Reply 2: We have modified our figures to include arrowheads for more direct presentation and discussion of these cases. Additionally, Fig 1e was removed as it is a T2 weighted scan and we don't typically identify leptomeningeal disease on T2, rather on T1c which is demonstrated through Figures 1a-1d sufficiently.

3. I think that there are multiple grammar errors in the text, please make corrections. For

example, “These cases suggests that this is a safe and effective regimen for LM and supports further examination”. (Page 8, Line 246-247)

Reply 3: Thanks for identifying these errors. We have each reviewed the text once more to address the grammatical errors. Examples of this include Page 8, Lines 297-300; Page 1, Line 28; Page 2, Line 65; Page 3, Line 101 & Line 106; Page 5, Line 180 & Line 191, 193-194, 195-198; Page 7, Line 303)