Reviewer's report

Title: Adjuvant therapy for locally advanced renal cell cancer: A systematic review with meta-analysis

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Review

Major Compulsory Revisions:
The authors claimed that this manuscript's meta-analysis adds information and represents the best current evidence about adjuvant therapy for locally advanced renal cell cancer. However, there is obvious common prediction as claimed in this manuscript in Wood CG as reference #22 that pointed out problems of adjuvant therapy for advanced locally advanced RCC. The authors also excluded one adjuvant favor report by Jockman D (as a reference #17 in this manuscript) published in Lancet 2004 as of autologous adjuvant, because of “unspecified” heterogeneity. The author should further explain it in this manuscript. Although Jocham D also published updated review in Nature Reviews Urology 5, 644-645(2008), there was neither comment nor reference in this manuscript. An issue with increased attention is to see if there is significance by for the Jockman D study by meta-analysis. If the author could address this issue, there could be huge impact. However, since there are quite methodological restriction as authors claimed, observation in this manuscript could give limited impact.

Minor Essential Revisions:

Based on those arguments on major compulsory, the authors should remove a word "Exact" from abstract.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'