Reviewer's report

Title: Admission of advanced lung cancer patients to intensive care unit: should we temper recent optimism? A retrospective study about 76 cases

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The manuscript describes the authors experience with managing lung cancer patients admitted to the MICU. please note the following comments:

1. the emphasis of this manuscript is that it describes the outcome of advanced lung cancer patients, 11/76 patients had limited small cell, which is not advanced.

2. please comment on your thoughts about the high percentage of patients with small cell lung cancer in your study (38%).

3. As the authors describe, there are several recent studies that show similar findings and trends. The authors need to have a more convincing argument on how this study adds to the currently available literature.

4. there are several grammatical errors throughout the manuscript.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'