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Dear Editor:

We submit our manuscript entitled “Analysis the impact of platinum-based combination chemotherapy in small cell carcinoma of the cervix: results of a multicenter retrospective china study” to your esteemed journal for publication. This paper is not being submitted to any other journal. We believe the paper will be of particular interest to the readers of your journal.

Small cell carcinoma of the cervix (SCCC) is a very rare tumor. The optimal treatment strategies for this aggressive tumor have not yet been determined due to its rarity and the long time period required to enroll a sufficient number of patients, making it difficult to treat patients with SCCC. Most clinicians favor the use of platinum-based combination chemotherapy to treat SCCC because of similarities between SCCC and small cell lung cancer, but its role has not been clearly defined. As such, we performed an analysis of 72 women comprised of patients from multicenter of china to determine the platinum-based combination chemotherapy that may improve survival in SCCC patients with the largest, to the best of our knowledge.

We concluded that use of platinum-based combination chemotherapy (EP/TP) was associated with higher survival. The treatment should conform to the treatment of SCCC patients. We hope that our experience contributes to the foundation of knowledge regarding this rare and aggressive tumor.

All the authors have read and approved the current version of this manuscript, and the integrity of the work is assured. The authors declare that there are no conflicts of interest with this study.

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Thank you very much for your kind attention to our paper.

Sincerely yours.

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