Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Current role of surgery in Small Cell Lung Carcinoma

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Koletsis and colleagues present a review article on current role of surgery in small cell lung carcinoma. The review addresses an important and timely issue. Small-cell lung cancer (SCLC) accounts for 13–20 percent of new cases and deaths from lung cancer annually, and left untreated is aggressive, with a median survival of 2 to 4 months after diagnosis.

The authors have based their review on 24 articles from 1969 till 2007. Although the manuscript seems carefully executed I would like to make the following remarks

**Major**

1/ I think that the authors should point out what is the purpose for writing this review article.

2/ How was the literature search was conducted? What was the technique used, for identifying published articles for review?

3/ What were the selection procedures (inclusion/ exclusion criteria) that determined which specific studies to be included in the review?

**Minor**

1/ In page number 7, line 22, LD-SCLC abbreviation, do you mean limited disease- small cell lung cancer?

2/ In page number 7, line 16, fir, do you mean fit?

**Discretionary**

1/ Among articles published after 2006 concerning treatment modalities of small cell lung cancer, of great interest is "Management of Small Cell Lung Cancer* ACCP Evidence-Based Clinical Practice Guidelines(2nd Edition)CHEST 2007; 132:324S–339S* which I would strongly recommend that should be included and commented in your review

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**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.