Reviewer's report

Title: Current role of surgery in Small Cell Lung Carcinoma

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Discretionary Revisions

1) SCLC is considered a systemic disease at diagnosis because the potential for hematogenous and lymphogenic metastases is very high. The role of surgical intervention in the multimodality management of SCLC continues to be controversial.1

From this aspect, the review of colleagues regarding the modern role of surgical excision – therapy/treatment in small cell carcinoma of the lung, is exceptionally interesting.

2) The writers develop with explicit and comprehensible way, the particularities of small cell carcinoma of lung (histological heterogeneity, local relapse, not correspondence in the treatment, aggravation after chemotherapy etc.) and justify the role of surgical treatment in the handling of the disease, with recent and argued data.

3) I believe that the review would be complete if it contained also certain surgical techniques that are applied by a lot of surgeons and aim to reinforcement of bronchial stump since the patients will receive chemotherapy after the surgical excision of the tumor.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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