Reviewer’s report

Title: Successful treatment of recurrent small bowel adenocarcinoma by cytoreductive surgery and chemotherapy: a case report and review of the literature

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Reviewer: Keith Gardiner

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Other

If other, please specify:

New Treatment Option (for advanced small bowel adenocarcinoma)

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This case report describes the treatment of peritoneal metastasis from small bowel adenocarcinoma by cytoreductive surgery and combination chemotherapy. I have the following specific comments:

1. Abstract. This is clearly written
2. Introduction. A good background is given
3. Case Presentation. It is not clear what the authors mean in the third sentence
when they describe lack of movement of the ileus tube. Otherwise this is clearly written. What type of discussion took place with the patient regarding the extent of surgery and the likelihood of its success in delivering prolonged survival or cure?


Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests