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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Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

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?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: No

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

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?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The authors present a case of small bowel adenocarcinoma treated with good short term follow up with cytoreductive surgery and systemic chemotherapy. The case is not novel (as suggested in the introduction). There have been 2 series reported of cytoreductive surgery with intraperitoneal hyperthermic chemotherapy for peritoneal dissemination from small bowel carcinoma (from Washington Center Hospital and Wake Forest University). These should be addressed in the discussion.

The conclusion of a potential role for cytoreductive surgery with chemotherapy in this setting is a reasonable conclusion.
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.