Reviewer’s report

Title: Emergency Etoposide-Cisplatin (Em-EP) for patients with germ cell tumours (GCT) and trophoblastic neoplasia (TN)

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Reviewer: Debra Richardson

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The authors have written an interesting manuscript regarding emergency Em-EP for patients with malignant germ cell tumors and GTN.

1. In the abstract- you state out of hours- please define- somewhere in the manuscript- 8pm-8am is mentioned. Please define the hours for M-F. I assume Sat and Sunday would be out of hours

2. On page 6- you state you use FIGO score- isn't this typically referred to WHO score? FIGO adopted it.

3. How long is the chemo good for after it is mixed- how many hours? Page 7 you note the pharmacists prepare the chemo in advance of the weekend. What if a patient had a BSA >2? Have there been any dosing errors using this premixed chemo?

4. Page 9- please define "PV" bleeding- I think you may mean vaginal bleeding- would be best not to use unnecessary abbreviations.

5. Page 9- define ERPC

6. On page 13 you note you can treat sepsis with antibiotics and treat with chemo. Do you have any safety data regarding that approach? I have never given chemo when someone is actively being treated for a serious infection.

7. Table 1- you note one patient have a gestational choriocarcinoma- that was an ovarian primary. I am confused- gestational choriocarcinoma arises in the uterus- unless this was from an ovarian ectopic?

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