Reviewer’s report

Title: 11-Year Experience with Chest Wall Resection and Reconstruction for Primary Chest Wall Sarcomas

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I would like to thank the authors for this valuable research work. However, I have some comments to them.

1) This is a small series study that included a small number of patients (23 patients). It is well known that the primary chest wall tumors are rare and when one focuses on a certain type of malignancy, the number of the cases included will be small. This can be overcome by extension, of the time frame of the study or through the involvement of other centers in the same study.

2) There is wide age variation regarding the age of the included patients that ranged between 5-91 years. This could influence the results, especially the number of patients is too small.

3) The objectives of the study was not clear.

4) The authors mentioned that there was a group of 7 patients who had neoadjuvant treatment and the R0 was 85% in that group. However, there was another group of patients who did not get neoadjuvant treated where the R0 was lesser (57%). Those patients in the second group with R1 resection margins were not classified by the authors (low grade or small tumors).

5) The site of the tumor could affect the need and type of chest wall reconstruction so the authors may mention the site of the chest wall sarcome (anterior upper/anterior lower/posterior upper/posterior lower/ or lateral).

6) The manuscript is in need for language revision.

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