Reviewer’s report

Title: The short-term outcomes of pulmonary metastasectomy or stereotactic body radiation therapy for pulmonary metastasis from epithelial tumors

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This paper is a retrospective analysis of outcomes of pulmonary metastasectomy or stereotactic body radiation therapy for pulmonary metastasis.

Limitations:

1. The baseline characteristics of PM and SBRT are different, such as age and primary tumor, which are related with prognosis.

2. Propensity score matching should be used in this paper, despite the small number of the sample

3. The systemic treatment of the two groups should be included

4. Though p=0.09, the OS difference of the two treatment methods still had important clinical meaning. Because the sample size was small and the survival curve showed the trend of the significant OS difference.

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