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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

A very interesting study addressing a timely topic in lung cancer. Some changes are needed. - The introduction should be expanded and the authors should add some recently published papers regarding the evolving systemic treatment scenario for lung cancer (PMID: 35326555; PMID: 36368251; PMID: 36064585; PMID: 33053439). - The limitations of the current manuscript should be better discussed and reported, including the heterogeneity of data. - The discussion should be expanded and a more personal perspective should be included. Major changes needed.
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The authors have developed an interesting and extensive work on the relationship between smoking and lung cancer and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). The issue has been studied for decades, but it continues to be a problem for the health of the world population today. The work is coherent and the methodology is correct. In order to improve the quality of the work I will include two suggestions: - The introduction is very short. It could be expanded by briefly analyzing the state of the art. - Data on the use of electronic cigarettes could be included in the discussion.