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**COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

In this retrospective study by Aytac et al. the authors are presenting their experiences in the management of colorectal neoplasia during pregnancy and in the postpartum period. This is a well written paper with insightful, thoughtful and helpful observations which are a result of serious and hard work from an experienced team of experts in the field of colorectal surgery. However, there are several issues that have to be considered: 8 patients between 8/1997 and 4/2013 who were diagnosed with colorectal cancer during pregnancy or in the postpartum period were reviewed. Three patients were diagnosed during pregnancy and underwent surgery prior to delivery. The other five patients were diagnosed after delivery. The authors mention that their study is one of the largest single center experiences on this topic. The small number of patients in a large period of nearly 26 years is mainly because of the infrequent disease pattern during pregnancy. The small number of this study produces a bias that makes a statistical statement impossible. Therefore their conclusion that surgery for colorectal cancer during pregnancy can be performed safely without compromising maternal and fetal outcomes should be handled with caution. Also the length of the investigation period and the



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follow-up between 0.2 and 192 months are negative aspects of the study. In the discussion it is written that the surgical treatment surgery for colorectal cancer is similar for pregnant and non-pregnant patients. What do they mean with similar? We are asking the authors to explain this in detail. Nevertheless the treatment of pregnant cancer - patients is of high interest and further investigations for concluding evaluation are still lacking. Even though the instant study is only retrospective. Additional description of the mentioned surgical treatment for pregnant and non-pregnant patients etc. like suggested above, should be considered. Summarized, the study is accurate researched, the results are presented clearly and the discussion is well presented. Therefore after minor revision we recommend to publish this study in The World Journal of Gastroenterology.



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I read with interest the manuscript "Management of Colorectal Neoplasia During Pregnancy and in The Postpartum Period". It is a single Center retrospective study where the Authors describe 8 successful colo-rectal resections for cancer in 3 pregnant women and in 5 women in the immediate post-partum period. I would like the Authors to explain why they consider these 2 groups (pregnant women and post-partum women with colorectal cancers) as one category. I would imagine that pregnant women would present a different and most likely more challenging set of issues to deal with. Therefore it would appear more appropriate to limit the discussion to those 3 former cases only.