Supplementary Online Content


eAppendix. Information (A) to (o): Mean quality of life scales at baseline, 3-months, 6-months and 1 year after surgery

This supplementary material has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.
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Main Conclusions:

Loss of appetite at 3-months and 6-months was significantly different for chemotherapy patients compared to observational patients (p=0.030), but this equalized by 12-months.

Overall quality of life at 3 months decreased for the 5-fluorouracil with folinic acid arm compared to observation (p=0.026), with an increase in nausea and vomiting (p=0.050) and diarrhea (p=0.050) and with similar effects for gemcitabine (p=0.001, p=0.006 and p=0.006 respectively).

(A) QL – Overall Quality of Life

(B) PF – Physical functioning
(C) RF – Role functioning

(D) EF – Emotional functioning

(E) CF – Cognitive functioning

Groups: ○ Arm=5FU  + Arm=GEM  ▲ Arm=OBS
(F) SF – Social functioning

(G) FA – Fatigue

(H) NV – Nausea/vomiting
(I) PA – Pain

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(J) DY – Dyspnoea

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(K) SL – Insomnia

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(O) FI – Financial difficulties

Groups: ○ Arm=5FU  + Arm=OEM  □ Arm=OES