We are writing concerning the article titled “Metronomic chemotherapy with 5-fluorouracil and cisplatin for inoperable malignant bowel obstruction because of peritoneal dissemination from gastric cancer” recently published in your journal by Yang et al. 1.

First, the study showed very interesting results. We know that malignant bowel obstruction occurs mostly in the terminal stages of gastric cancer, whereas fluoropyrimidines are usually given in first-line treatment 2,3. In the Yang et al. study, patients were excluded if they had received chemotherapy or radiotherapy within the preceding 28 days; however, the authors did not specify whether the patients were chemonaïve. In our opinion, that information is very important to the interpretation of the results.

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We have read and understood Current Oncology’s policy on disclosing conflicts of interest, and we declare that we have none.

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