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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 12928-review.doc).

Title: Image-guided therapies in the treatment of Hepatocellular Carcinoma: a multidisciplinary perspective.

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The manuscript has been edited according to the suggestions of reviewers:

(1)

a) We have included meta-analyses and RCTs for each interventional procedure. For the ablation and TACE sections in particular this has resulted in added references and a more cohesive discussion.

b) We mention other treatment options, including surgery and Sorafenib, in the introduction so that the reader can gain a more comprehensive overview of the treatment options, before focusing on the image guided treatments.

(2)

a) We did not mention cholangiocarcinoma or solitary metastases as the title of the article only includes HCC. We would be happy to write further articles discussing the role of minimally invasive therapies for tumors other than HCC.

b) We have included hepatologists in the list of those providing multidisciplinary care.

c) We have clarified that the list of side effects in the TACE section refer to both DEB-TACE and conventional TACE, albeit that side effects are less common with DEB-TACE.

d) We have inserted the word "monthly" as suggested in the TACE follow up section.

e) We have included the Jacob R paper as a reference in the SBRT section.

Editor

1. The references have been placed in superscript and square brackets before the end of the sentence.
2. Author contributions are listed.
3. Abstract, Keywords and Core Tip have been included.
4. Format has been updated to Book Antiqua, font size 10, 1.5 line spacing.
5. References were corrected with PMID and doi numbers.

Sincerely yours,

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