

**BAISHIDENG PUBLISHING GROUP INC CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT**

**Name of Journal:** World Journal of Hepatology

**ESPS Manuscript NO:** 15538

**Title:** Downstaging disease in patients with hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) outside up-to-seven criteria: strategies using degradable starch microspheres transarterial chemoembolization (DSM-TACE). A preliminary single center experience.

**Authors List:** Antonio Orlacchio, Fabrizio Chegai, Stefano Merolla, Simona Francioso, Costantino Del Giudice, Mario Angelico, Giuseppe Tisone and Giovanni Simonetti

**Correspondence To:** Antonio Orlacchio, MD Department of Diagnostic and Molecular Imaging, Radiation Therapy and Interventional Radiology - University Hospital Policlinico Tor Vergata, Viale Oxford 81, 00133 Rome, Italy e-mail address: aorlacchio@uniroma2.it Phone number: +390620902400 Fax: +390620902404

**Conflict of interest statement:**

- 1 That the manuscript is not simultaneously being considered by other journals or is already published elsewhere.
- 2 That the manuscript has no redundancy, plagiarism, data fabrication, or falsification.
- 3 That the author(s) has (have) no conflict of interest related to the manuscript.
- 4 That all experiments involving animals and human subjects were designed and performed in compliance with the relevant laws regarding the humane care and use of subjects.
- 5 That the material contained within the manuscript is original, with all information from other sources appropriately referenced, and that written specific permission has been granted by any existing copyright holders prior to publication and is clearly cited and available.
- 6 That the author(s) agree to transfer to Baishideng Publishing Group Inc exclusive copyright ownership for all formats of the manuscript, including print and electronic formats, English and non-English language formats, and subsequent editions such as



## BAISHIDENG PUBLISHING GROUP INC

8226 Regency Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588, USA

Telephone: +1-925-223-8242 Fax: +1-925-223-8243

E-mail: [bpgoffice@wjgnet.com](mailto:bpgoffice@wjgnet.com) <http://www.wjgnet.com>

---

Erratum, in addition to all rights for (1) granting permission to republish or reprint the materials in whole or in part, with or without a fee, (2) printing copies for free distribution or for sale, and (3) republishing the materials in a compendium or in any other format.

7 That the author(s) acknowledge that all articles published by Baishideng Publishing Group Inc are selected by an in-house editor and fully peer-reviewed by external reviewers. Baishideng Publishing Group Inc applies the Creative Commons Attribution Non Commercial (CC BY-NC 4.0) license, which permits others to distribute, remix, adapt, build upon this work non-commercially, and license their derivative works on different terms, provided the original work is properly cited and the use is non-commercial. See: <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/>

8 That the author(s) agree to publish the related documents (e.g. peer review report, answers to reviewers, CrossCheck report, signed copyright assignment, *etc.*) of the manuscripts at the same time that the manuscript is published online.

9 That there are no errors in grammar, syntax, spelling, punctuation, or logic.

10 That all figures and tables have been correctly placed and clearly identified, and meet the journal's standards of high-resolution quality.

11 That the references are numbered according to their order of appearance in the main text of the manuscript.

**Name: Antonio Orlacchio**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Orlacchio'.

**Signature:**

**Date: 02-04-2015**