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**COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is a retrospective study to investigate the prognostic value of radiological response after transarterial chemoembolization (TACE) and inflammatory markers in patients affected by hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) awaiting liver transplantation (LT). Although this manuscript is written so well, the “before” and “after” to be confuse between the main title and running title.



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1) The retrospective study was the first of its kind to look at the combination of inflammatory markers and tumor radiological response as competitive risk factors using multivariate analysis. The regression analysis of risk factors for post-LT recurrence was performed taking in account radiological (morphological and response to therapy) and biological variables (AFP, NLR and PLR, including their slopes) at two well-defined time-points (before starting TACE therapy and immediately before LT). The results is reliable and convincing, and better reference value to predict the tumor recurrence and allow a proper selection of TACE-treated candidates for LT. 2) I suggest that the manuscript can be published in the form of Retrospective Cohort Study in World J Gastroenterol.



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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors analyzed 70 HCC patients treated by TACE prior to LT including radiological response, histological necrosis and platelet-to-lymphocyte ratio indexes. The authors concluded that radiological response and inflammatory markers are predictive of tumor recurrence and allow a proper selection of TACE-treated candidates for LT. The study is well designed and the data are convincing.