

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 3384-review.doc).

Title: Doxorubicin-eluting bead versus conventional transcatheter arterial chemoembolization of hepatocellular carcinoma prior to liver transplantation

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The manuscript has been improved according to the following suggestions:

Revisions according to Editor's suggestions:

1. The required Editorial Certificate for manuscripts submitted by non-native speakers of English was provided by the American Journal Experts Company and uploaded in the dedicated section (Certificate Verification Key n° 7F1B-A70E-DA18-97C8-BAF0). All suggested corrections were applied to improve diction, phrasing, grammar, and spelling.
2. Even if the title has 14 words, the authors suggest to use the original one; if that was not possible, an alternative title was provided in the main document.
3. The missing post code (Udine, 33100, Italy) has been added.
4. Author contributions have been added.
5. Seven "key words" have been added.
6. A summary of less than 100 words ("core tip") has been added.
7. "Comments" section has been added in the main document after discussion section.
8. Figures have been uploaded in pptx format in the dedicated section.

Revisions according to Reviewer's n° 00054048 suggestions:

1. No major or minor comments have been made by the reviewer (*"The paper is really well written and the considerations about the items are completely satisfying"*).

Revisions according to Reviewer's n° 00051753 suggestions:

1. The proportion of patients affected by hepatitis B or hepatitis C has been added in Table 1.
2. All patients included in this study have proved to be cirrhotic at histological examination. This statement has been added in Patients and Methods section - Histopathology).
3. The BCLC HCC stage has been calculated and compared between the two groups (added in Table 1).
4. The grammatical issues have been identified and corrected by the editing process performed by the American Journal Experts Company.
5. The author's editorial comment previously included in the 5th paragraph of the discussion section (*"...whose first author (Antonio Nicolini) was an homonymous of the author of the present article..."*) has been deleted.

Revisions according to Reviewer's n° 00054465 suggestions:

1. The reviewer required an evaluation and approval by local Ethics Committee concerning the scientific methodology used in this study; this has been enclosed at the end of this document.

Thank you again for considering our manuscript for publication in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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Il Cde nella seduta del 06.06.2013, in relazione alla valutazione della metodologia scientifica utilizzata nello studio in oggetto e in base alle precisazioni contenute nella lettera del 05.06.2013, ritiene che lo studio sia di tipo osservazione retrospettivo.

Si segnala la necessità in futuro di inviare tali studi al Comitato etico, in quanto le norme aziendali richiedono che ogni proposta di studio sia sottoposta alla valutazione del Comitato etico.

The Ethics Committee, its meeting on 06.06.2013, in relation on the evaluation of scientific methodology used in the study in question and according to the details contained in the letter (05.06.2013), believes that the study it's observational retrospective.

Distinti saluti.

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