

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology

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Title: Targeted agents for second-line treatment of advanced hepatocellular carcinoma.

Reviewer's code: 00909201

Reviewer's country: Singapore

Science editor: Jin-Lei Wang

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Review time: 1 Hour

SCIENTIFIC QUALITY	LANGUAGE QUALITY	CONCLUSION	PEER-REVIEWER STATEMENTS
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	Peer-Review:
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language	(High priority)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer's expertise on the
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not	language polishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision	topic of the manuscript:
publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advanced
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> General
			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I have made minor comments in the manuscript itself. In general this paper describes each phase 3 trial for 2L advanced HCC in detail and accurately. However, a key aspect missing is greater depth in determining the sequence of 2L therapy. How are they going to choose between ramucirumab cabozantinib and regorafenib in the 2L



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setting. This should be discussed in the text even if there is no straight answer.

INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The title reflects clearly the main subject and the abstract is quite good at summarising the article. Authors review very well the background, in a concise manner leading to introduce appropriately the relevance of their review. The review as such covers very well what it is relevant for any oncologist treating patients with HCC. They described



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very well the trials supporting those medications. Overall this article offers a well-written overview of the second line options for this difficult disease, highlighting the relevant points clearly. Tables are quite illustrative and the references are appropriate. Overall the quality of the article is very high.

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