

Response to the reviewers

For comment 1: A list of abbreviations and their explanations is needed in front page.

Response: We have added the related abbreviations and their explanations in front page, see details in the revised version.

For comment 2: The names of Wu B, Yan S, and Lan C do not appear among the authors.

Response: we ensure that the authors of this paper are Yi PS, Wang H and Li JS. The contributions of these authors is listed in the revised version. Regarding to the names of Wu B, Yan S and Lan C, they were added into this paper by mistakes, in fact, these investigators have not participated in forming this paper, we have removed them from the related section in the manuscript.

For comment 3: When referring to objective survival the median time of observation should be mentioned, if available in the respective article(s).

Response: We have modified the Table II, and we have added the required information about the observation time relating with objective median survival, see detail in revised file.

For comment 4: Why both “LR” and “OLT” for liver transplantation? Please correct.

Response: In fact, this is a small writing mistake we made in the list of abbreviations and corresponding explanations, we have corrected it in the revised file.

For comment 5: For “c-TACE, B-TACE, DEB-TACE, HAIC, BSC, C-P”, explanations must be added in the footnote of the table.

Response: We have added the footnote at the bottom of Table IV, to give the explanation of “c-TACE, B-TACE, DEB-TACE, HAIC, BSC, C-P”. See details in revised file.

For comment 6, the reviewer recommended a more resonable expression of the candidates to receive the redical treatments. Hence, we have modified the expression as you recommendation, and see details in revised file.