

Title: Role of Simultaneous Transcatheter Arterial Chemoembolization and Portal Vein Embolization Prior to Scheduled Major Hepatectomy for Patients with Large Hepatocellular Carcinoma

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Response to Reviewers' comments

Dear Editor,

We thank you for your careful consideration of our manuscript. We appreciate your response and overall positive initial feedback and made modifications to improve the manuscript. After carefully reviewing the comments made by the Reviewers, we have modified the manuscript to improve the presentation of our results and their discussion, therefore providing a complete context for the research that may be of interest to your readers.

We hope that you will find the revised paper suitable for publication, and we look forward to contributing to your journal. Please do not hesitate to contact us with other questions or concerns regarding the manuscript.

Best regards,

Reviewer #1

The present series included patients with good liver function (ICGR15 <10%), and this may be the reason why no liver failure was encountered after simultaneous TACE and PVE. This point is important and to be emphasized in this paper.

Response: We agree with the Reviewer. It was emphasized in the Discussion.

1. If the authors measured portal pressure, these data may be important. PVE can be a tolerance test of sudden increase in portal pressure induced after a major hepatic resection.

Response: We thank the Reviewer for the comment. Unfortunately, the data of portal pressure were not available because portal pressure was not routinely measured in our center. It was added as a limitation.

2. Preoperative sequential TACE and PVE for hepatocellular carcinoma was first reported by Makuuchi's group (Arch Surg 2004). This first report should be cited. The report by Nakao et al. (Radiology 1986) documented increase tumor necrosis induced by this approach and did not propose a preoperative approach to extend surgical indications.

Response: The Reviewer is right. The reference was replaced accordingly.