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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

General comments This is a nice review article about the impact of COVID-19 to HCC. This review is well written and discussing about a timely topic. I do have some comments specified as below. **Specific comments** At my institution, there were some patients refused to come to the hospital for testing during pandemic to reduce the exposure to themselves, thus delayed screening. Is there any study suggesting about patients' factor? Before pandemic, everyone came to the clinic and got blood test before or after the visit, and ultrasound for HCC screening right away. However, increasing number of telephone or telehealth video visit makes it harder to do these tests right away and some patients got some delay in getting blood draws. Is there any study stating this observation of mine? In the U.S., a lot of liver transplant centers closed earlier in 2020, but our center remained open during pandemic and we actually noted increase in volume of liver transplantation. Was there any study mentioned about these changes?

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Very nice manuscript that summerizes the recommendations for treatment of HCC during covid-19. Only some minor comments: - page 10, line 5: recommendation instead of "raccomandation" - page 12, line 22/23: the sentence ".....RT to patients who do not they are suitable or refractory..." does not make sense - table 1, recommendation for liver resection from HC-FMUSP: I assume the number platelets should be 100.000 but not 4100.000 - table 1, recommendation for vascular intervention from HC-FMUSP: Is it really "...patients with solitary nodules 43 cm in size...." ? I think 43 cm is not the cut-off.