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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript was written to provide a min-review on a very timely topic, that of combination first-line therapy for HCC using Atezo+Beva. While clinical experience with this regimen has grown since its recent approval, there is still much to learn, and this manuscript does well in succinctly summarizing the "current state of knowledge" on this subject. However, as a mini-review, much of the article is spent pointing out the current knowledge gaps and deficits that will hopefully be filled in through future research. This is fine, however the abstract should indicate that as one of the purposes of the manuscript, namely to describe the areas where understanding is currently limited and to list current/on-going studies aimed at addressing such knowledge gaps (which the article does a fine job at making known). Overall, the quality of writing is very good. The writing is also very concise but provides a fairly comprehensive survey of the topic. Some specific comments below: 1. Abstract: I recommend removing first sentence. There is some variability among references as to how HCC ranks worldwide in incidence and mortality, and some statistics may not clearly distinguish HCC versus primary liver cancer in regards to such statistics. 2. Abstract: For last sentence, consider that another purpose of this review is to highlight the current knowledge gaps and areas of active research. 3. Core tip. See #2 4. As this is a non-systematic review, it should be made clear in the introduction that this is an expert-based review. Like all expert-based reviews, this one may be prone to several biases related to the training/practice backgrounds of the authors, practice region, and literature selected/available for inclusion (eg. English language only, etc). Since the manuscript does appear to include some clinical recommendations, it should be made clear whether each recommendation is based on the author's opinion, evidence-based research or guideline, or clinical practice guideline. Additional references may be helpful to bolster some of the



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