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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Authors reviewed basic and clinical understanding about PDT in HCC treatment. Although its clinical application still requires further advancement, this article can supply information and limitation about PDT for HCC treatment. Several miss spelling and grammatical errors were found.



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Congratulations to the authors and editor for considering the topic "PDT as alternative treatment in HCC" as a frontier article. The article would add impetus to further research in the said topic. 1. Photodynamic therapy: A next alternative treatment strategy for hepatocellular carcinoma? The title appears to be apt. 2. The article has rightly pointed out various limitations in available literature which need to be addressed by ongoing/future studies 3. Though the article may not change the clinical practice at present, it raises a pertinent question about the role of PDT in HCC. The article may positively impact future studies about role of PDT in Hepatobiliary tumors