

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 9617-review.doc).

Title: Chemotherapy for transarterial chemoembolization in patients with unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) Irinotecan and Gemcitabine are not permitted according to the instructions.

Respons: Thank you for your suggestion. Although Irinotecan and Gemcitabine are not permitted according to the instructions, many researches showed that their effective had been evaluated in therapy of advanced HCC. Ohtsubo K and colleagues's report [PMID:19856070]: Advanced hepatocellular carcinoma treated effectively with irinotecan via hepatic arterial infusion followed by proton beam therapy; and Aly M. Azmy and colleagues's report [PMID:22848843]: The gemcitabine/carboplatin regimen seems to be effective, well tolerated, and active in advanced HCC.

(2) This study was approved by the ethics committees of the Dalian Medical University (No. 2013.012), but the study was started in 2003. the ethics demonstration?

Respons: Thank you for your suggestion. At first, our manuscript is one retrospective research. Secondly, the approve by the ethics committees may needs procedure and time. So the time of approve seemed late.

(3) One of the points that the authors should may be discuss more extensively is the number of sessions of TACE appears to be higher in the group with CPT-11

Respons: Thank you for your suggestion. This result may showed the effective of CPT-11 was better, so the patients in the group with CPT-11 would have more opportunities to get more TACE sessions in order to prolong the time of overall survival.

(4) I do not understand the word finical. It would be financial?

Respons: Thank you for your suggestion. I am so sorry that this is our spelling error, and it should be "financial". When we collected clinical data, we found few patients in every group gave up more further sessions of TACE by reason of poor family condition. So we described it as one word of financial.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the Chinese characters '宋磊' (Song Lei), written in a cursive style.

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