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Dear Editor,

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Title: Survival rates according to BCLC sub-staging system after transarterial embolization for intermediate 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) The b subgroups were described in tabular form, named table 1.
- (2) The median survival is shown in the text
- (3) The number of sessions of TAE is shown in table 2.
- (4) The table 2 (former table 1) was reformulated according the B sub-staging
- (5) Was included a table (table 4) and a paragraph in the results section showing the response rates according to RECIST.
- (6) The discussion was expanded debating the potential reasons for difference in survival.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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