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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Paper will be interesting for readers. To my taste, the causes of insufficient PVE should be added: PV recanalization, portal collaterals etc. Was it impossible to perform repeated PVE? Why you did not use additional hepatic artery embolization? Impossible or ineffective? I believe these data will embellish "Discussion". Some missprints: P.5, Paragraph 2: unreseable. P.5: "In situ" with capital letter.



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In the Surgical Procedure: Why authors performed cholecystectomy at first step? - In case of metastases located in the FLR, wedge resections or thermoablations were performed during ALPPS-1. Did the mets were not present before PVE? if they didn't it is a clear tumoral progression and contraindicates surgery. If present before PVE why authors didn't performed a two stage hepatectomy? Parenchyma partition was partial o classical ALPPS?

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The authors present a study on the interesting subject of rescue ALPPS. In the literature one finds only a few case reports and the present study adds to the body of information that this strategy might be of benefit for a selected group of patients. There are however a number of issues that must be addressed: In total, how many patients had portal vein embolization in the authors' centre during the study period? How many ALPPS procedures were performed in the author's centre during the study period? The number of 7 patients with 'failed' PVE seems high to me as the study period was only 2 years. In total how many liver resections were performed during this time period at the authors' centre? When was embolization of segment 4 considered necessary? In the method section, nothing is mentioned on how the selection for the literature review was made. For comparison with the literature, volumetric measurements should be made on CT scans at the different time points on the 7 patients. I urge the authors to please refrain from the wording 'excellent results' on page 12, as the mortality is 1/7 (14%).