

Informed Consent Statement

Dear Editor,

The study entitled “Current state and clinical outcome in Turkish patients with hepatocellular carcinoma” is a retrospective cohort study, therefore informed consent to be included in the study is not required according to the regulations of Republic of Turkey. All the treatments were established and indicated treatment modalities, and no experimental tool or medication were used in the study. Nevertheless, all patients were needed to give written permission, before undergoing specific treatments including TACE, TARE, liver transplantation, and surgical resection. In addition, according to the regulations of Istanbul University, at admission all patients give informed consent for their medical information can be used for research purposes anonymously.

Yours sincerely,

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