

Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for the positive decision regarding our submitted manuscript entitled “Current state and clinical outcome in Turkish patients with hepatocellular carcinoma”. Below we reply to the Reviewers’ comments. The changes in the manuscript is highlighted in yellow.

Reviewer 1: It is a single center, retrospective cohort study. The authors in this manuscript, have well investigated retrospectively the present state and clinical outcome of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) . They concluded that baseline liver function, tumoral extension and primary treatment modality determine overall survival in patients with hepatocellular carcinoma in Turkey. Primary modality of treatment for hepatocellular carcinoma is a major determinant of patient survival that should be incorporated while estimating prognosis. I would like to recommend the title as "Baseline liver function, oncologic features and primary treatment modality determines overall survival of hepatocellular carcinoma patients in Turkey."

Answer to Reviewer 1: Thank you very much for your comments. We changed the title to emphasize that the paper represents current state and outcomes in patients with HCC in Turkey.

Reviewer 2: In this manuscript, the authors have well investigated retrospectively the present state and clinical outcome of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) at single leading academic hospital in Turkey. They concluded that baseline liver function, tumoral extension and primary treatment modality determine overall survival in patients with hepatocellular carcinoma. Although the conclusions are well known, the results are representative aspects of HCC in Turkey. I would like to recommend the title as “Current state and clinical outcome in Turkish patients with hepatocellular carcinoma”.

Answer to Reviewer 2: Thank you very much for your comments. We changed the title to “Current state and clinical outcome in Turkish patients with hepatocellular carcinoma”.

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