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The authors have made a thorough and comprehensive review on the status of classification of the intermediate HCC. They evaluated each classification and the criteria proposed by several authors and added their opinions as well. Thei authors' proposal of expanding the indication of radical treatments and addition of such treatments appear well justified. I commend their thorough and critical review.

#### **INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT**

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- ☐ The same title
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- A. General Comments: 1. The article needs better critical assessment of the reviewed studies, including the authors opinion of the relative importance of them.
2. Typing and grammatical errors in the text need correction. B. Major Comments:
1. (Front page): A list of abbreviations and their explanation is needed. 2. (Front page, line 8-9 from top): The names of Wu B, Yan S, and Lan C do not appear among the authors. Please explain. 3. (Pages 5 & 6, Table II): When referring to objective survival the median time of observation should be mentioned, if available in the respective article(s). 4. (Page 6, Table II): Why both "LR" and "OLT" for liver transplantation? Please correct. 5. (Page 8, Table IV): For "c-TACE, B-TACE, DEB-TACE, HAIC, BSC, C-P", explanations must be added in the footnote of the table. C. Minor Comment: 1. (Page 2, line 11 from top): Instead of "patients with early stage HCC", please write: "patients with very early and initial stage HCC within the Milan criteria and without associated diseases".

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