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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Comments to the author In the manuscript entitled “Transarterial chemoembolization with hepatic arterial infusion chemotherapy plus S-1 for hepatocellular carcinoma”, the authors demonstrated that TACE combined with HAIC was an effective and safe treatment for patients with advanced HCC with portal vein invasion or extrahepatic metastasis. Furthermore, they also demonstrated no additional effect of S-1 on TACE/HAIC treatment, even though there were similar frequencies of adverse events. While the result of this clinical study was negative, the study design was excellent and manuscript was quite well written. To make the article more persuasive and fruitful, the authors need to discuss the following issue. 1) Patients with advanced HCC characterized by vascular invasions, localized irradiation (especially targeting an invaded portal lesion) would be an alternative treatment. What did authors think about irradiation therapy and how did they decide the treatment for patient with advanced HCC including vascular invasion?