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In this study, Dr. Xavier et al reported a retrospective validation of the “6 and 12” and the “Pre-TACE-Predict” scoring system in two French HCC cohorts. The authors have published at least two manuscripts reporting similar analysis and results with the same French cohort (World Journal of Hepatology 12:525-532 and Journal of Hepatology 71: 1051-1052). In this study, although they enrolled more cases I did not see much new. The “6 and 12” and “Pre-TACE-Predict” were already multiple sites, retrospective analysis with very large scale cohorts, another retrospective analysis with several hundred French patients added very little clinical value to our knowledge; particularly it has been published elsewhere.