

This is a point by point reply to reviewers comment

Thanks for the suggestions

Reviewer

1. It is commendable that the invited review article initiates a rethinking of Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer Guidelines and congratulations to the authors for delving into this topic. 2. As rightly pointed out by you many of the Hepatobiliary surgery centers around the world and specifically in Asia have expanded the criteria for liver resection for HCC in BCLC intermediate stage or CHILD B Cirrhosis with encouraging results. 3. The review article is aptly titled, and the background is well presented. 4. Preoperative patient selection to identify those who would benefit from surgery is of immense importance to achieve better outcomes. As patients with Intermediate stage HCC or CHILD B cirrhosis with HCC belong to a broad spectrum many centers have institutional protocols and multidisciplinary team meetings to help in patient selection. I request the authors to lay more emphasis on patient selection criteria in the discussion part.

Authors

More emphasis on patient selection criteria in the discussion section has been added.

Two references have been added (89-90)

Sincerely Ugo Cioffi