

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Clinical Cases

Manuscript NO: 63102

Title: Surgical treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma in the era of COVID-19 pandemic.
A comprehensive review of current recommendations.

Reviewer's code: 02929648

Position: Editorial Board

Academic degree: PhD

Professional title: Academic Research, Director

Reviewer's Country/Territory: China

Author's Country/Territory: Italy

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It is not valuable to publish.

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Title: Surgical treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma in the era of COVID-19 pandemic.
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Reviewer's code: 03742333

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Professional title: Doctor, Full Professor, Professor, Surgeon

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I have read with great interest the manuscript entitled 'Surgical treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma in the era of COVID-19 pandemic. A comprehensive review of current recommendations', submitted to the World Journal of Gastroenterology. In this manuscript, the authors present a comprehensive review of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) management during the COVID-19 pandemic. While the review article concludes that the treatment of HCC –especially surgical– should not be compromised due to the risk of disease progression, it advocates that treatment guidelines must be adapted to respond to the pandemic emergency. The manuscript is written well, and the topic is relevant on these pandemic days. Despite a review article, it summarises the most updated review on available recommendations on the surgical treatment of HCC.

MINOR COMMENTS - The manuscript would benefit from proofreading as minor language corrections are pending (few incorrect prepositions and inappropriate articles)

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Position: Peer Reviewer

Academic degree: MD

Professional title: Doctor

Reviewer's Country/Territory: Spain

Author's Country/Territory: Italy

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript review by Fancellu et al. constitutes an important critical state-of-the-art revision on the effects of the COVID19 pandemics in the treatment of patients with hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). The review is extremely well-written, well-structured and summarizes the pivotal information on the field that are of great usefulness for the medical community. I only have small concerns that might be addressed before the final publication: - A table or a figure showing the % of patients with HCC undergoing surgery before and after the COVID pandemics would be useful to support the findings displayed in the main text. - In the section “The effects of SARS-CoV2 on liver diseases and HCC, the authors might want to correct the expression in which they mention that patients with cancer are at high risk for infection. This might not be true since the risk of infection might be the same, when compared with general population. The population of patients with cancer in fact present a higher risk to develop severe disease. - Et al. should be in italics. - In the section “Transarterial bridging therapies” please correct the typo in cytoreduction. - Nothing is discussed regarding asymptomatic COVID19 patients with liver cancer. Are these patients treated normally, they might follow the regular therapeutic regimens?

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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I have read with great interest the resubmitted manuscript. The authors have addressed appropriately the minor comments raised previously. I have no new comments.