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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript presents an interest case of Successful treatment with laparoscopic surgery and sequential multikinase inhibitor therapy for hepatocellular carcinoma. The authors concluded that Conversion surgery after successful multikinase inhibitor treatment is considered an effective treatment option for advanced HCC. There are several concerns about this manuscript. Novelty is lacking. This is an accidental case and the reason of patient's favourable outcome is unknown.

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I believe the present case-report is suitable for publication in its original form. It is a very interesting case and emphasizes on the importance of a multimodal treatment.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors present a case of conversion therapy of metastatic HCC. The authors have reported all the necessary data for the case and also drawn critical medical observations from the progression of disease. I have a few minor suggestions or comments to make:

- 1) Stage, grade or any tumor markers (AFP, PIVKAI), grade of the original HCC diagnosis needs to be clearly mentioned, especially if known. The pathology from the first resected adrenal lesion can also be mentioned, in order to provide good data for future studies
- 2) The authors note through case reports that the splenic metastasis is from poor differentiation after multiple cancer treatments. However the pathology specimen of splenic lesion shows only moderate differentiation. How do the authors explain this?
- 3) It was also interesting to note that regorafenib, which has anti-angiogenic properties did not prevent cavernous transformation of the portal vein/chronic portal vein thrombosis. Would the authors like to comment on this?
- 4) Did the patient have cirrhosis since the diagnosis or developed cirrhosis during the treatment phases (at the time of initial diagnosis, prior adrenalectomy)? The presence of/absence of/progression to cirrhosis should be explicitly mentioned in the case report.