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Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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

TACE is considered the main non-surgical treatment option for hepatocellular carcinoma. Studies have pointed out that. In patients with intermediate-stage liver cancer, TACE therapy after palliative surgery could theoretically further reduce the blood supply to the tumour, thereby controlling or eliminating lesions that were not detected or resected during surgery. In this study, the authors validate the prophylactic role of TACE after resection of hepatocellular carcinoma and to assess its impact on patient prognosis. This study is well designed and performed. The findings are very interesting. Comments: 1. The manuscript is well written. However, a minor editing is required. Some minor language polishing should be revised. 2. Discussion is too long, please short it. 3. The tables should be double checked.

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I read this manuscript with great interest. This manuscript is well written. The methods are described in detail, and results are well discussed. In my opinion, this manuscript can be accepted for publication after a minor editing. Thank you.