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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this meta-analysis, the author aimed to study the impact of HCV infection on outcomes of liver resection (LR) in intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma (ICC). Seven articles were selected into this meta-analysis, and this meta-analysis demonstrated significantly worse OS in HCV+ patients with ICC who underwent curative resection compared to HCV- patients. In brief, this is a vivid meta-analysis. Pros. 1. In this meta-analysis, the authors performed a vivid study selection strategy. 2. In the result section, the authors gave a clear summarization of the selected research and provide conclusive evidence to support the conclusions. 3. In the discussion section, the authors provide a well-thought-out discussion, the authors discuss the potential reason to explain why the patients with HCV have worse prognosis. Besides, the authors discuss the limitation of this study. Cons. 1. The study number included in this study is relatively small, and all studies are from Asian country. 2. All study included in this study is retrospective study. 3. The relationship between the HCV infection and the stage of cholangiocarcinoma has not been clarified. 4. The relationship between the HCV infection and the metastasis of cholangiocarcinoma has not been reported. 5. This research has limited novelty. It just



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