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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Piñero F et al. reviewed the diagnosis and treatment of HCC in Latin America. The theme is very interesting and well analyzed the problems of the current Latin American medical system. Unfortunately, I could not find the HCC guidelines for Latin America in reference 3, because I could not find it on the Internet. The BCLC staging system

recommends strictly one treatment option depending on the stage. However, as noted by the authors, these guidelines do not apply in many clinical cases. In addition, Asia (APASL), Japan, and South Korea HCC association recommend different treatment algorithms differ from the BCLC staging system treatment recommendations. Therefore, the authors need to add that there are other opinions besides the recommendations based on BCLC staging in HCC treatment.

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This editorial is appropriate and adequate in length. The presentation with a clinical case is also interesting and original. However, I think that the editorial sometimes just rely on anecdotes and it would be interesting to present a bit more of data. For instance, Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita data are presented but not epidemiological data



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regarding hepatocellular carcinoma (which may vary according to different countries epidemiology). I also find surprising that very few or no data regarding adherence or treatment are presented. Finally, I think that authors should make some specific recommendations for HCC management, at least one or two that they find to be of highest priority for the majority of countries. Another point: Are any consortia already working in this field? It should be mentioned in order to enhance visibility. Authors should keep in mind that point (.) is used as decimal separator in English. So, sentences like “above 0,45 for the year” or “Denmark all have GINI scores less than 0,30”, should be corrected. Sentences like “Years ago, he was already diagnosed with clinically compensated cirrhosis but with portal hypertension” are awkward and therefore I suggest that the manuscript be corrected by a native English Speaker

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