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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The statement in the letter to the editor is correct. I agree with the authors' statement on microwave and RFA.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a short letter that critically analyses the study by Raza & Sood on the treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC), and suggests that microwave ablation (MWA) should have been added as a valid therapeutic option. The topic is relevant since some studies have suggested that MWA would be as effective as RFA or even as successful as surgical resection in patients with tumors ≤ 3.0 cm (see Shi J et al. J Gastroenterol Hepatol 2014). In addition, MWA might have a lower cost, as compared to RFA (see Zhang XG et al. Acta Chir Belg 2014). On the other hand, it would be interesting to add that for tumors with 3 cm or more, a higher early recurrence can be expected after MWA, and RFA tends to show higher disease-free survival rates for these patients (see Groeschl RT et al. Ann Surg 2014; and Zhang L et al. PLoS One 2013). Minor English polishing is needed.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Basically I agree with the author's opinion. This letter would be acceptable, if they add the follow points. 1) The weak points of microwave. 2) The frequency of usage of microwave (please compare with RFA).