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**COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Conventional transarterial chemoembolization versus microspheres embolization in the treatment for hepatocellular carcinoma: a meta-analysis Jia-yan Ni et al This report identified the microsphere embolization including both yttrium-90 microspheres drug-eluting beads embolization were better treatment procedure compared to the conventional c-TACE. The authors are required to address the following questions; #1 Why were yttrium-90 microspheres treatment and drug-eluting beads embolization combined to perform the meta-analysis. Which is much better in treatment of HCC, yttrium-90 microspheres, drug-eluting beads embolization and conventional c-TACE? #2 What is the explanation for no significant effects on partial response in Fig.3B, even though microsphere embolization revealed the significant effects on complete response of HCC in Fig.3A?

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Drug eluting beads (DEB) belong to chemotherapy, and Yttrium-90 belong to radiation therapy. These two treatments are fundamentally different. So maybe it is unfit to combine these two treatments to perform the meta-analysis.