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## ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

A Guide for the Hepatologist about Hepatocellular Carcinoma by Magdy Hamid and Shahira El-Etreby is a comprehensive and updated review of the related literature which should be published. It is clearly presented and written.



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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This was a nicely written and comprehensive review article. Some minor comments: 1. It would be more appropriate to redraw Figure 7 instead of directly copying it from EASL guideline (Ref 10). 2. A table summarizing the diagnostic performance of different imaging modalities would be useful.

## ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors reviewed overview of hepatocellular carcinoma concerning symptom, diagnosis, and treatment. There are several typing or grammatical errors should be corrected and the contents are relative superficial for recent review of HCC. Comments 1. Overall, English needs brush up as there are several typing errors or wrong and strange sentences. Especially the title should be re-evaluated. 2. There are many explanation without references. For example, reference should be added for hypoglycemia in HCC to indicate the two types of hypoglycemia in literature. In Thrombocytosis section, additional references are needed to indicate the reports that show thrombocytosis in HCC. 3. Figure4 and 5: Explanation for each figures of A) to D) is needed. 4. Following typing errors should be corrected. 1) "The most commonly used marker HCC is the serum alpha-fetoprotein (AFP) concentration." 2) Liver transplantation section "receptients" should be "recipients". 3) "TACE is based on the fact that HCC derive its blood supply predomintaly from hepatic artery where as surrounding liver receives portal dominant blood supply." This sentence has several typing errors. 4) gelatin sponge particles gelatin sponge particles 5) pieces of embolis materials emoboization? 6) "inTACE" should be "in TACE" 7) "bone marrow



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depression" should be "bone marrow suppression" 5. In liver transplantation section, explanation for living donor liver transplantation should be included. As there are several criteria such as UCSF or Tokyo, to expand the candidate liver transplantation, explanation should be included. 6. "Takayaso et al. reported" Reference is needed to add. "Absolute contraindications to this technique include the absence of hepatopetal blood flow (portal vein thrombosis), encephalopathy, and biliary obstruction. Relative contraindications include a variety of other factors including, but not limited to: serum bilirubin >2 mg/dL, lactate dehydrogenase >425 unit/L, aspartate aminotransferase >100 unit/L, tumor burden involving >50 percent of the liver, cardiac or renal insufficiency, ascites, recent variceal bleed, or significant thrombocytopenia." This explanation needs reference