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Dear Editor,

Title: Survival following hepatectomy for advanced hepatocellular carcinoma with portal vein tumor thrombosis

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Comments to authors

This study involves the 2 themes; the results of HCC patients with portal vein thrombosis and the analysis of prognostic factors for survival. PVTT is worldwide considered contraindication for hepatectomy in Barcelona's guideline, but the obtained results would be encouraging for surgeons.

Author's reply

We appreciate your valuable reviews entitled “**Survival following hepatectomy for advanced hepatocellular carcinoma with portal vein tumor thrombosis**” According to your considerable comments and suggestion, we thoroughly revised our manuscript.

We sincerely hope that our manuscript meets with your approval and thank you for taking the trouble to review it again.

Sincerely yours,

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