



PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastroenterology

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Title: Management of Subcentimeter Recurrent hepatocellular Carcinoma after Curative Treatment: Current Status and Future

Reviewer’s code: 00289467

Reviewer’s country: Italy

Science editor: Xue-Jiao Wang

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SCIENTIFIC QUALITY	LANGUAGE QUALITY	CONCLUSION	PEER-REVIEWER STATEMENTS
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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority)	<input type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority)	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision	Peer-reviewer’s expertise on the topic of the manuscript:
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> General
			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

A quite interesting mini-review, I really liked it and I hope it could represent a starting point for treating subcentimeter HCC whenever possible!



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Diagnosis and management of subcentimeter recurrent HCC is difficult, This paper gave us the answer through overviewing many current literature. The paper has a novel topic, clear argument, rigorous design, sufficient arguments, and is of guiding and reference



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value to clinical practice. It is recommended to be published.

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Overall, this minireview manuscript was very readable and give useful informations to readers. Treatment of recurrent subcentimeter HCC should be more reviewed in-depth. The authors seemed to focus RF ablation therapy with fusion or other guidance. Please



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introduce treatment algorithm for the treatment of recurrent subcentimeter HCC after curative resection. What is treatment of choice for recurrent subcentimeter HCC as first-line treatment? Ablation? Or surgical resection? Certainly there must be such subcentimeter HCC that ablation therapy may not be possible due to location or detectability. For such case, TACE or SBRT can be an alternative approach? Please refer to following articles. Cone Beam CT-Guided Chemoembolization of Probable Hepatocellular Carcinomas Smaller than 1 cm in Patients at High Risk of Hepatocellular Carcinoma. Choi JW, Kim HC, Lee JH, Yu SJ, Cho EJ, Kim MU, Hur S, Lee M, Jae HJ, Chung JW. J Vasc Interv Radiol. 2017 Jun;28(6):795-803.e1. doi: 10.1016/j.jvir.2017.01.014. Epub 2017 Mar 14. Diagnostic accuracy of contrast-enhanced dynamic CT for small hypervascular hepatocellular carcinoma and assessment of dynamic enhancement patterns: Results of two-year follow-up using cone-beam CT hepatic arteriography. Choi YR, Chung JW, Yu MH, Lee M, Kim JH. PLoS One. 2018 Sep 19;13(9):e0203940. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0203940. eCollection 2018.

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