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**COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This article proposes a narrative review on various treatment strategies for the patients with hepatocellular carcinoma and portal venous tumor thrombosis (PVTT). It is a topic of interest to the researchers in the related areas but the paper needs very significant improvement before acceptance for publication, as following:

**<Major Points>**

1. The authors need to emphasize their own opinions in this manuscript, rath

er than a simple list of documents. Try to discuss the best individualized treatment plan for different patients with hepatocellular carcinoma and PVTT. T, write one section clearly to define the problem.

2. Since outcomes of treatments can be quite different across tumor stages and different location and extent of PVTT, the authors need to review the available evidence supporting the potential roles of different therapeutic strategies in the different stages of HCC.
3. The authors have shown the survival benefits of the various therapeutic strategies in patients with advanced HCC with PVTT. However, the authors should also note the tolerance profile.
4. The conclusion section needs to include the general treatment recommendations for patients with HCC and PVTT.
5. The authors described various therapeutic strategies. Could the authors make a table to summarize and compare these therapeutic strategies?

**<Minor Points>**

1. How about drug-eluting bead TACE in patients with HCC and PVTT?
2. There are several typos such as recurrence rates on page 4, line 12 and cirrhotics on page 8, line 12-13.