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Title: Hepatic resection beyond barcelona clinic liver cancer indication: When and how

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

Reviewer 1 (01562153)

Comments: Hepatocellular carcinoma is the main primary tumor of the liver. It is usually associated with cirrhosis. According to the Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer (BCLC) classification, hepatic resection should be performed only in patients with small single tumors of 2-3 cm without signs of portal hypertension or hyperbilirubinemia. In this review, the authors discussed when and how liver resection could be indicated beyond the BCLC indication, and emphasized the role of multidisciplinary approach to assure a proper indication, the intraoperative ultrasound for intra-operative restaging and resection guidance, and laparoscopic resection to minimize surgical trauma.

This is a comprehensive review on the treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma beyond BCLC criteria. The preparation of manuscript was fair. The originality of this manuscript was not so high. However, this review article may provide useful information to the clinicians in managing patients with hepatocellular carcinoma beyond the BCLC criteria.

Reply: Thank you for your comments (there are no specific modification requested by this reviewer).

Reviewer 2 (02861333)

Comments: This invited review summerized and analyze the liver resection for HCC beyond BCLC classification. The results and conclusions are very important for advanced HCC, which probably be treated with radical surgical treatment.

Reply: Thank you for your comments (there are no specific modification requested by this reviewer).

Reviewer 3 (02861134)

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indicated beyond the BCLC indication. The results and conclusions are very important for advanced HCC, which probably be treated with radical surgical treatment.

Reply: Thank you for your comments (there are no specific modification requested by this reviewer).

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Hepatology*.

Sincerely yours,

Mattia Garancini