

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The paper "Utility of Endoscopy, ERCP and Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS) in diagnosis and management of Hepatocellular Carcinoma and its complications" is an interesting review about the management of the utility of hepatocellular carcinoma. It is a very complete and well written review that addresses the most important topics. The present study is a review on a topic not much described in the literature and very heterogeneous with little evidence. The endoscopic approach in HCC is an alternative for diagnosis and to resolve some complications as well as in centers that do not have interventional radiology. Nevertheless, this type of approach must be developed further with more prospective randomized trials since it can be used only in selected cases. However, the present study is limited in the methodology. 1. If the authors present this paper as a systematic review they should include a systematic review based on recommendations



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-Your review article reviewing the use of endoscopic procedures in diagnosis and treatment of HCC is attractive, albeit there are some remarks that need your response:

- 1-The use of upper endoscopy and ERCP in various situations related to HCC is a daily practice and need not to be reviewed and it will be more appropriate to restrict your review on the recent and add on uses of EUS in the diagnosis and management of HCC.
- 2- You have not presented any mention about the diagnostic criteria of HCC nodular lesions as detected by EUS that makes it more superior in detection of smaller lesions than other modalities.
- 3- In each study enlisted at your review, you have to mention its data for accuracy of the EUS in the diagnosis of HCC compared to a gold standard that the study has used.
- 4-Also, it is better to refer to the rate of occurrence of adverse events in each cited study.
- 5-Major language revision is required.