

## ESPS PEER REVIEW REPORT

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript by Jiang et al. describes the effect of post-operative adjuvant TACE on the HCC recurrence. Although the results provide some clues for the future treatment consideration, larger samples should be enrolled for the more precise conclusion. The specific comments are as follows:

1. Please explain what is the difference between the studies which indicate the adjuvant TACE as an effective way for the prevention of HCC recurrence and yours.
2. The writing of this manuscript should be re-checked again.

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This study compared survival and recurrence in HCC patients who received or did not receive adjuvant TACE after curative resection, and found that Postoperative adjuvant TACE does not appear to improve overall survival or reduce recurrence in HCC patients. This study is interesting and will provide more evidence for TACE in the future. Comment: 1. TACE patients had significantly higher levels of serum albumin, and higher rates of liver cirrhosis. Can you explain the reason for that? 2. How is your fellow-up withdraw and/or the fellow-up lost rate in this study?

## ESPS PEER REVIEW REPORT

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The present manuscript deals with a very interesting topic: efficacy of TACE in preventing the recurrence of HCC. The authors conclude that TACE did not improve survival or reduce recurrence; however, it could be mentioned that TACE did not modify (neither improve nor worsen) survival. Please, state this clearly TACE patients showed higher levels of albumin, liver cirrhosis and encapsulated tumors. Could these be related to the intervention? Similarly, control group presented major resection and longer mean PT. Do the authors have an explanation?

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The manuscript entitled Adjuvant transarterial chemoembolization after curative resection of hepatocellular carcinoma: a propensity score analysis by Jing-Hang Jiang, Zhe Guo, Xiao-Bo Wang, Hao-Jie Yang, Fu-Quan Yang, Si-Yang Bao, Jian-Hong Zhong, Le-Qun Li, Ri-Rong Yang, Bang-De Xiang is well-executed, and well-written and well-presented with results consistent with previous reported ones as well as its unique observations.