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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear authors Congratulations on this paper. It is a retrospective study that assess the issue of treating HCC<3cm with RFA versus surgery retrospectively. The article addresses properly the data and compare the outcome in both groups. As we know, for lesions less than 3cm RFA is as good as the gold standard treatment: surgical resection. In my opinion it can be published with minor corrections. 1- when comparing the OS, multivariate analysis did not include the type of treatment (table 2) 2- the anatomical location of the tumor should play a major role in choosing surgical resection or RFA. This is mentioned but not showed in the data (e.g. tumor with 3cm located close to IVC or HV that will demand a major resection maybe should be treated with RFA?)



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it's an excellent retrospective study wich need confirmation in multicentric comparative sutudies.
Good work.



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The authors used data of 4 institutions to evaluate long-term outcomes of radiofrequency (RF) ablation as first-line therapy for single hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) ≥3 cm and determine survival prognostic factors. Generally the manuscript was informative and well-written. It would be better to describe in detail the difference between selection criteria of percutaneous and laparoscopic approach according to tumor location by Cuinaud segmentation of liver.