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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The Authors submitted a retrospective study, proposing a new scoring system for resectable hepatocellular carcinoma. The study is interesting and through a sophisticated statistical analysis of a large group of patients, provides a demonstration of the possibility to expand the obsolete EASL/AASLD guidelines. Statistical analysis is complex and may be hostile to the reader, however it appears to be accurate, providing very interesting results.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors aimed at developing a new prognostic scoring system for overall survival of patients undergoing liver resection for hepatocellular carcinoma. In this retrospective study, they compared their system to the EASL/AASLD surgical criteria by means of Harrell's C statistics and concluded that their new system can expand surgical eligibility with no harm on survival. There are some concerns about the strict indication criteria for liver resection in EASL/AASLD guidelines and due to the lack of donor organs, further expansion of surgical eligibility is needed. The topic is important and this is a well-organized study. Just a minor revision will help this report to be more acceptable. 1. The authors should show recurrence free survival, the sites of recurrences and the treatments after recurrences in each cohort of the patients.