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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Editor, In this review entitled "Hepatocellular carcinoma: from clinical practice to evidence-based treatment protocols. A review" the authors reviewed the current status of HCC epidemiology, diagnosis and treatment. They emphasized the differences between developed and underdeveloped countries regarding the timing of diagnosis and access to treatment modalities. Also they provided some insight regarding the difference between daily clinical practice and current evidence-based options. Although the paper has a relevant topic and could be an interesting review for the readers of the journal, there are issues that should be improved before further review. 1. Many typos and grammatical errors are found throughout the manuscript. English language needs to be improved significantly. 2. The term of resource-rich countries refers to countries and regions with an abundance of natural resources. I think the authors should use the terms as developed and underdeveloped to describe associated countries. 3. "Finally, many controversies related to LT were confronted during an international consensus conference held in 2010, in Switzerland that resulted in 37 statements and recommendations" I think the authors should detail this information by



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summarizing main points of this consensus meeting. 4. The authors should mention about the indocyanine green test. 5. The authors should give a more detailed information about yttrium-90 radioembolization. 6. The authors should give a further insight into the future directions in the treatment of HCC. For example; combination of different treatment modalities, living-donor transplantation to improve organ pool, novel molecules for targeted-therapy. Yours sincerely



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The title describes the contents of the paper. The abstract is informative and completely self-explanatory, briefly present the topic, and point out major documents and conclusions. The literature review is explained clearly. All figures and tables are necessary and appropriate. The conclusions are accurate and supported by the content. The references are comprehensive and appropriate. If they could discuss some findings in China in chronic HBV related HCC (fg. International Journal of Cancer, 2009. 9; 125:1352-7.), the significance of this manuscript will be greatly enhanced.



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-The work is clinically relevant given the significant impact and poor prognosis of hepatocellular carcinoma. -The epidemiological part is complete and accurate and precisely defines the high and increasing incidence and the grave prognosis. However are lacking the other aspects of this disease, such as etio-pathogenesis. Association between obesity, metabolic syndrome and HCC is very interesting though long known. Could be indicated several pathogenetic hypotheses. For example, aflatoxin is only mentioned but not explained the origin, diffusion, epidemiology and pathogenesis associated with it. -Some abbreviations should be written out in full, even if well known (eg. NAFLD, NASH, RFA, EASL). TACE is reported in full only in the section Transarterial Therapy, instead is mentioned earlier in the section Liver transplantation and liver resection. - Many topics are given for granted and not detailed. For example, sorafenib is not explained the molecule, the action and side effects even if well tolerated.