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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

We thank the authors for this very interesting and well-written review on PVE. I have only minor comments: - I totally agree that data supporting ALPPS in HCC with cirrhosis are still very weak; however, a few reports have been published specifically on the matter, and I would suggest to cite at least the paper by Vennarecci et al, Eur J Surg Oncol 2014. - The authors states at the end of the introduction that alternatives to PVE would be discussed, however only ALPPS is effectively discussed. I would suggest to add a small paragraph about radioembolisation, as at least one paper exist specific to HCC (Edeline et al Ann Surg Oncol 2013), and another paper make an interesting comparison with PVE (Garlipp et al Hepatol 2014). - A strange sentence at the end of 1st paragraph page 12: "Several previous reports have addressed this issue, however, concluded conflicting results have been reported;26-29 however, accumulating evidence suggests an adverse effect of PVE on tumor growth." Suggestion to modify this for "Several previous reports have addressed this issue. Despite some conflicting results, accumulating evidence suggests an adverse effect of PVE on tumor growth." ?



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The most important discussion remaining nowadays is how to manage patients with insufficient liver remnant after PVE, patients with bilateral lesions or when there's tumor progression during the interval time between the portal embolization and the hepatic resection especially in a diseased liver.