

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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		[ Y ] No	

## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Nice review. To my mind, multiple literary data in some Chapters could be better understood by readers if you will combine them in some tables.

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Tables would be helpful to improve the “digestibility” of this review. Page 6: “decline in a fetoprotein (AFP) levels” -> decline in alpha-fetoprotein (AFP) levels. Language polishing/correction of typing errors is required (e.g., “5-FU has undergone extensive evaluation in HCC and shown response rates have in the range of 10%” (page 4), “showed an response rate” (page 6), “In the combination study ne achieved a confirmed partial response” (page 17), etc.).

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In the current review, the author Cidon provides a summary of several HCC therapies and clinical trials. The review is concise and readers can have a brief overview. There is no major concern on the manuscript.

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

We read with interest the paper entitled "Systemic treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma: past, present and future." by Esther Una Cidon. The manuscript represents an exhaustive review on the medical oncologic treatment of HCC covering most of the major topics in this field. The paper is well organized and every section is updated. However some suggestions deserve attention 1- although the language is fluent and style acceptable (very few typing errors are present), it is very hard to keep attention through the whole paper due to the huge amount of information available. I suggest the author to assemble 3 to 4 tables summarizing the most important data as study population, type of study, main results (overall survival, disease free survival, etc) and safety. 2- Sorafenib is by far the most popular and used oncologic treatment in HCC patients not amenable of curative or loco-regional therapies. However, in the last few years some attempts to find any efficacy of this molecule outside the BCLC indications have been carried out. The author should address this topic and report data on adjuvant/neo-adjuvant role of Sorafenib in different settings as OLT, resection and



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