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The submitted manuscript by Yang et al. reports the case of a living donor liver transplantation associated with abdominal wall reconstruction in a single stage surgery to treat hepatocellular carcinoma with malignant cell seeding of a percutaneous biliary drainage. Despite the patient died after 22 months for HCC recurrence in the lungs, no signs of abdominal wall recurrence were observed by the Authors. Despite the rarity of the malignant cell seeding given the accuracy of radiologic diagnosis of HCC, the paper is of interest. A number of issues are listed below.

- The Authors should clarify if a consent was obtained from the patient.
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