

Dear editor,

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We were most delighted to learn that our manuscript 33022 has been subject to opportunity of revision for publication in World Journal of Hepatology. We have carefully considered the valuable comments and suggestions provided by referees and the editor, and made great efforts to improve the manuscript accordingly. The followings are point-by-point answers to specific questions raised by the reviewer (The modifications in the manuscript are highlighted). We hope that the revised version of manuscript could meet the priority required for the publication.

With best regards,

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### **Responses to comments**

1. The manuscript deals with a review that summarizes the clinical efficacy and safety of DEB-TACE for patients with intermediate or advanced stage HCC, in comparison with cTACE. The review is complete. Nevertheless, considering that results of both techniques are well known in the scientific community, authors should add recent scientific data on controversies that are increasing, especially in the treatment of intermediate HCC in cirrhosis. Maybe this request could be interpreted as out of the scope of the review, but I think that such considerations could be useful for the readers of the Journal.

Response) We added recent data about DEB-TACE and discussed more on the controversies regarding selection of treatment modality between cTACE and DEB-TACE.

2. ESPS Manuscript NO: 33022 Title: Conventional versus drug-eluting beads transarterial chemoembolization for hepatocellular carcinoma This review is well presented and covered the main idea The strongest of this review 1- Clear idea and well presentation 2- Contains recent references 3- Good tables 4- Good presentation of Transarterial chemoembolization (TACE) , conventional TACE (cTACE) and importance of Drug-eluting beads (DEBs)-It was better if the authors added diagrammatic / simplified figure for the Drug-eluting beads (DEBs) and its mechanism of action.

Response) We added an illustration showing the action mechanism of DEB-TACE in treatment of HCC.