

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

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the results on the efficacy of treatment are not very strong, and more data are necessary to asses the role of HIF 1 α inhibition in cancer therapy however the study is well designed and may be considered as preliminary data.



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Thank you very much for your review. We hope this study will be performed in a large population in the future for more data.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In the study, Wu J, et al. reported the preclinical study and phase 1b clinical study of RO7070179, a LNA antisense oligo targeting HIF-1 α in advanced hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). Dose limiting hepatotoxicity was observed and 1 out of 9 patients



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achieved partial response (PR) after 2 cycle's treatments. Another patient showed stable disease (SD). This study expands our understanding how ASO approach, once highly anticipated, really work in clinic setting. The manuscript is well written and statistical analysis is sound.

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