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JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF (ASSOCIATE EDITOR) COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Although this is a small case series of HCC patients undergoing downstaging before liver transplantation, this study is extremely original for two main reasons: 1) They enrolled patients outside up-to-7 criteria. 2) They used DSM-TACE to downstage the tumor. Thus, I think this paper merits publication on this journal. Alessandro Vitale, MD, PhD