

Peer Review File

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Review comments

Reviewer A

Well-written review.

Good review of different treatment options for HCC. However, there is need for more data to support the conclusion

Reply: Thank you for the comment. We have made sure to keep our conclusions succinct and in line with published data. We include studies to support the conclusion that resection or transplantation is preferred for early HCC. We also reference studies that corroborate our other main conclusion that SBRT offers good local control for larger tumors and a survival benefit when combined with chemotherapy for locally advanced disease.

Reviewer B

We recommend some changes:

- We believe this article is suitable for publication in the journal although some revisions are needed. The main strengths of this paper are that it addresses an interesting and very timely question and provides a clear answer, with some limitations. An expert opinion overview should be included.
- The background of the changing scenario of medical treatment in HCC should be better discussed, and some recent papers regarding this topic should be included (PMID: 36633661; PMID: 35403533; PMID: 34798793; PMID: 32772560).

Reply: We have added a discussion of modern trends in immunotherapy and HCC and reference some of the suggested papers.

Reviewer C

The paper is well written with a thorough understanding and review the treatment of localized HCC. I would request the authors to consider referencing recent papers regarding this topic (PMID: 36633661; PMID: 35403533; PMID: 34798793; PMID: 32772560).

Also, consider adding a section on “expert opinion overview” regarding their recommendations.

Reply: We have added a discussion of modern trends in immunotherapy and HCC and reference some of the suggested papers, which are the same as those recommended by Reviewer B. We are unclear if expert opinion is referring to a survey of experts but as a review paper we believe that we have adequately summarized the data.