Reviewer's report

Title: Meta-analysis: preoperative transcatheater arterial chemoembolization does not improve prognosis of patients with resectable hepatocellular carcinoma

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This paper addresses the issue of neo-adjuvant TACE in patients with resectable HCC. The metaanalysis carried out appears to be sound from the methodological point of view and the problem of including non randomized studies in the metaanalysis itself correctly evaluated. The paper does not need substantial modifications and requires only editing by a mother-language reviewer.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.