Reviewer’s report

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

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**Reviewer:** Piero Luigi Almasio

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I have no major comments about the paper; the only concern is related to the countries of origin of the analyzed studies. Apart only three form Europe, all the others come from Asia. This aspect should be commented by the authors in terms of generalizability of the results.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.