Reviewer's report

Title: Outcomes and factors influencing survival in cirrhotic cases with spontaneous rupture of hepatocellular carcinoma: a multicenter study

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A devastating entity such as rupture of HCC is rare in the west with a high mortality rate. However is important that TACE can rescue patients and offer long term survival especially in cirrhotics. Although some selection bias exist and the treatment strategy is not new however a multy-institutional study herein is valuable at least for the management standpoint and the aggressiveness of treatment by the groups involved.

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.