Author's response to reviews

Title: Transcatheter arterial chemoembolization combined with radiofrequency ablation prolongs tumor progression and overall survival in patients with intermediate stage (BCLC B stage) hepatocellular carcinoma

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Dear editor:

We submit our manuscript entitled “Transcatheter arterial chemoembolization combined with radiofrequency ablation prolongs survival in patients with intermediate stage (BCLC B stage) hepatocellular carcinoma” to “BMC cancer” for publication. The ID number of our manuscript is 8813278011026556. According to your advice, we have revised our manuscript point to point.

The changes are as follows:

(1) Please clarify in the methods section if the study was retrospective and whether the treatments described are standard care in your institution.

**Answer:** In methods section paragraph 1, we mentioned the retrospective nature of this study and described our treatments were according to institutional standard treatment protocol at Zhongshan hospital. The relevant changes were highlighted in red.

(2) Name of Ethics Committee:

Please update your ethics statement to include the name of the ethics committee that approved your study.

**Answer:** We have added the name of the ethics committee that approved our study in methods section paragraph 1.

(3) Authors' contributions

**Answer:** We have added the authors' contributions after conclusions section and Competing Interests

(4) Kindly move the Competing Interests to after the Conclusions Section.

**Answer:** Relevant change has been made according to your advice.
We also revised our manuscript in the forms of the journal style. Thank you very much for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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