Reviewer’s report

Title: Surgical therapy of primary hepatic angiosarcoma

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This is a well-written paper showing the results of a patient cohort with a rare malignancy of the liver, the hepatic angiosarcoma, undergoing liver surgery with curative intent.

However, there are some points that need to be considered:

This is a very small cohort of patients (9 patients in 15 years), treated with a relatively high morbidity (2/3) and major morbidity (1/3) achieving very low disease-free survival (5/9 of patients developed recurrence within 8 months after surgery) and overall survival. Therefore, even though there is probably no better option the authors should underline more in the discussion that we actually still don't know if surgery is any good for these patients and that surgeons should think very carefully in every single case taking into consideration tumor burden, patients condition and patients will, if surgery should be offered.

In page 5 the authors say 5 patients hat recurrence within 8 months, 2 patients developed recurrence within 3 months, and 3 patients had no recurrence at all. This makes 10 patients. Please check your numbers of better clarify.

Instead of table 1, please provide a table with all 9 patients including the variables of table 1 and additionally: type of complication, time of recurrence and time of death.

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