

## **Point-by-point response to the reviewer 's comments:**

### ***Reviewer 01562153:***

We are grateful and happy about the positive feed-back of the reviewer. According to the suggestions (minor comments), we re-formatted all references according to the journal's style by adding PMID and doi (when available in Pubmed) and completed the incomplete references. The corresponding changes are marked in yellow in the revised version of our manuscript.

### ***Reviewer 00502973:***

- ad 1. The manuscript has been reviewed by a native-speaker for linguistic improvement. This contribution has been honorably mentioned in the newly inserted acknowledgement section (page 25, lines 12-13, marked in yellow in the revised version of our manuscript).
- ad 2. As suggested by the reviewer, we have inserted a section on radiotherapy for the treatment of HCC (page 14, lines 4-29, marked in yellow in the revised version of our manuscript). Consequently, some additional references (#83-88) have been inserted in the reference section. Thus, all following references had to be re-numbered and are marked in yellow in the revised version of our manuscript.
- ad 3. The reviewer is correct with his comment. We have inserted the definition for the up-to-seven criteria for a better characterization and improved understanding of the difference to the classical Milano criteria (page 18, lines 26-27, marked in yellow in the revised version of our manuscript).
- ad 4. According to the reviewer's suggestion, we have shortened the section "expanding criteria for liver transplantation" due to the redundancy and have referred in this section to the discussion of this point elsewhere in our manuscript (page 22, lines 2-5, marked in yellow in the revised version of our manuscript).