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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 2014WJSPlaphhccKAWABE ESPS Manuscript NO 14286-revised).

**Title:** Laparoscopic hepatectomy for the treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer.

For the major comments of the reviewer,

1. This review has demonstrated, as shown in Table 1, the safety, feasibility, and short-term benefits of laparoscopic hepatectomy.

However, is the long-term effect of laparoscopic hepatectomy still promising?

It will be appreciated for the authors to compare the difference in HCC patients with laparoscopic hepatectomy or OLR during a long period of time.

**We put the line in page 7, line 20 and also put the summary of long term-results in table1.**

2. Another doubt to the reviewer lies in the selective bias of HCC patients. Is there any difference in the Child-Pugh degree between HCC patients treated by laparoscopic hepatectomy and traditional procedure? Table or table concerning this problem is suggested.

**We put the line in page 7, line 14-16 and also put the summary of comparison for background liver condition between laparoscopic and open hepatectomy groups in table1.**

For the minor comments of the reviewer,

1. Table 2, which compares the advantages and disadvantages of laparoscopic liver resection (LLR), should be displayed in the three-line format.

2. In addition, there is similar problem in the Table 1.

**We changed the tables into the three-line format.**

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,



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