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From: Thomas J. Byrne, M.D.

Re: Response to Reviewers

Manuscript NO: 23087 "Loco-Regional Therapies for Patients with Hepatocellular Carcinoma Awaiting Liver Transplantation: Selecting an Optimal Therapy"

Dear Editorial Staff:

Attached please find a revised version of my manuscript entitled "Loco-Regional Therapies for Patients with Hepatocellular Carcinoma Awaiting Liver Transplantation." While 2 of the 3 reviewers recommended no changes, a third reviewer had suggested some minor changes.

Those changes have now been made and are incorporated into the revised paper. Regarding the specific revisions, the reviewer suggested:

- 1) Shortening the first 3 paragraphs, and incorporating some of the material in the fourth paragraph into the introduction of the paper. Those changes have been made.
- 2) The reviewer also requested some description of high-intensity focused ultrasound as a treatment modality. A description of that modality has been incorporated into the manuscript.
- 3) The editor requested that the "COMMENTS" section be included, after the "Conclusions" section. The COMMENTS section is now complete.

I am thankful for the helpful suggested improvements to the manuscript and trust that the editorial staff will now find the manuscript suitable for publication.

Warm regards,

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