

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 3172-minireview.doc).

Title: Current position of ALPPS in the surgical landscape of CRLM treatment proposals.

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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

(Reviewer 1): The reviewer made a lot of logical considerations in his review, therefore the article was completely rewritten in the light of arguments of reviewer, choosing a more academical form to formulate our opinions (we have dedicated a section of the Paper entitled "Opened Questions"). Also the oncological questions about method and long term benefits, as requested, were discussed and underlined in a critical form. We provided a more extended review of data and results also the new published one during review period.

(Reviewer 2): The reviewer asked about meaning of our sentence "it is good foreseeable that with the rapid diffusion of chemotherapy....."

We specified as requested in the following sentence:

" It is foreseeable that with the rapid diffusion of new neoadjuvant chemotherapeutic regimens (chemo

first approach), the need of ALPPS, as a safe alternative strategy to the classic 2 staged approach, will increase; in fact more patients are and will be gained to resectability due to partial or sometimes full response to new chemotherapeutic protocols^[34,35]. So that a multidisciplinary approach of CRLM^[36], starting with aggressive neoadjuvant regimen, under indications of institutional tumor boards, will push more patients to ALPPS. On the other hand ALPPS makes the resection safer after neoadjuvant chemotherapy, reducing the risk of postoperative liver failure.”

Trasforming our article in a minireview as suggested in the Technical Aspects and Development section of the paper we described the main steps of the method, overviewing also proposed modifications and deeply explaining our technical proposals and significance as suggested. To make it clearer we added also 2 images of our technical modification proposals. Finally we changed the Table as requested adding Journals name and listing the reports in a cronological order.

We didn't highlighted changes on manuscript, only because it was quite completely re-organized and rewritten.

3 References were added as requested for a more extensive review of the literature, and typesetting were corrected.

We would like also to espress the deepest gratitude to reviewers for the very nice and extreme useful comments, allowing us to better the manuscript!

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

Sincerely yours,



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