

Letter to Editorial Board of *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*

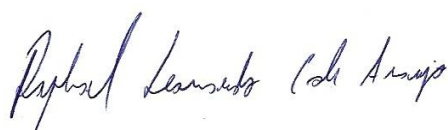
Dear Editor In Chief,

Thank you for completing the examination of our manuscript **“Pushing the Limits of Liver Surgery for Colorectal Liver Metastases: Current State and Future Directions”**.

We have prepared a revised version addressing all of the issues raised by the reviewers. You will find attached a response to the reviewers indicating point-by-point how we have answered their criticisms. We have also carefully gone through the manuscript to make the appropriate changes (highlighted in yellow).

We would like to thank the reviewers for their comments. We have considered their meaningful suggestions and we think that their suggestions contributed to improve the manuscript. We do hope that our paper will meet the standards of publication in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery* and we are looking forward to receiving your final decision.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Raphael L.C. Araujo'.

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Science editor: Jia-Ping Yan

We would like first to thank the reviewers for theirs constructive comments and the opportunity to resubmit our manuscript. Herein we respond to each comment on a point-by-point basis and have made changes to the manuscript accordingly. All changes add are highlighted in yellow.

Point-by-point answers to reviewer's comment

Reviewer #1:

Reviewer's code: 03476292

Reviewer's country: Israel

Date sent for review: 2018-12-17

Date reviewed: 2018-12-17

Review time: 4 Hours

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Well written review, the article still needs a natural English speaker to review prior to publication

We really appreciated it. We are sincerely flattered with your comments and we came

back to text to improve the English as observed by you in the entire document. The main changes and the new sentences are highlighted through the text according to our own modifications and indicated Editing Service (Springer Nature). Thank for the opportunity to improve and re-submit it.

Reviewer #2:

Reviewer's code: 03475779

Reviewer's country: Italy

SCIENTIFIC QUALITY	LANGUAGE QUALITY	CONCLUSION	PEER-REVIEWER STATEMENTS
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous Peer-reviewer's expertise on the topic of the manuscript: <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> No expertise Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Editorial very well written and exhaustive of the topic. The authors should expand the diagnostic, biological and surgical aspects related to the real perspectives of personalization of the treatment and how this could be inserted in the daily practice.

We would like first to thank the reviewer for his constructive comments, his interest in our editorial, and we do agree with his suggestions, that have been addressed in the new version of the manuscript. We do agree that it is important to add the future perspectives on personalization of specific treatment for each patient. It is expected the treatment would be tailored according to their molecular profile. Regarding the reviewer recommendations, we included this topic in a specific paragraph approaching the molecular profile and its putative future prognostic and predictive values in treatment of colorectal liver metastases. Thank you so much for your meaningful considerations that improved our editorial, we really appreciate

it.

Reviewer #3:

Reviewer's code: 03665440

Reviewer's country: Japan

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This editorial well summarized the evolutionary changes in hepatic resection of colorectal liver metastases. Thank you for the opportunity to review this informative article.

We are honored with your comments, since we have pursued to highlight the development and changes of surgical treatment of colorectal liver metastases over years, and also discuss about future directions. Moreover, we use the Editing Service (Springer Nature) to improve the language quality. Thank you so much for your time and consideration, we really appreciate it.

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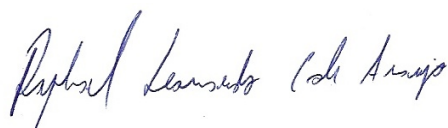
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We previously have prepared a revised version addressing all of the issues raised by the reviewers. We have also carefully gone through the manuscript to make the appropriate changes according to Springer Nature Editor. However, I would like to ask you for apologize since I forgot to send the certificate on editing at the first review (It is uploaded).

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