

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5713-review.doc).

**Title:** Transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt with covered stent for portal vein tumor thrombosis

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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

(1) Major comments The Patency of covered stents in patients treated by TIPS during the short-time and long-time follow-up was not evaluated?

Answer: During the follow-up, ultrasound indicated the patency of the shunt and there was no recurrence of symptoms. The patency rate is 100%.

(2) My suggestions for improvement are the followings: a) discuss the advantages, if any, of using covered stents instead of bare metal stents for patients with short (<6 months) life expectancy b) indicate whether patients had undergone systemic treatment after TIPS placement, or not; c) have the paper edited by a mother-tongue editor.

Answer: a) The advantages of our study is: First, all the patients were diagnosed with HCC, tumor thrombus in the main portal vein, and complete portal vein occlusion. Second, all portosystemic shunts were created with an expanded polytetrafluoroethylene (ePTFE)-covered stent. b) All patients for medical treatment after the TIPS. c) The paper had edited by the mother-tongue editor and prove a editorial certificate that the edited paper has reached grade A in language evaluation for SCI journals.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chen Yong'.

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