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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6286-edited R1.docx).

Title: Surgery for Colorectal Liver Metastases: the Evolution of Determining Prognosis

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Thank you for reviewing our manuscript. We are pleased that the manuscript was favorably reviewed and was found to be acceptable for publication pending minor revisions. We believe that the reviewers' comments and the corresponding responses will serve only to strengthen the manuscript.

As requested, we have provided a point-by-point response to the referee comments below.

Editor:

The formatting has been revised and the references have been appropriately formatted.

Reviewer 1:

1. Well written overview. Little to criticize. A correction is however required on Page 13: text " In a separate study, Blazer et al. ... In this group of patients, 75% had a complete response (no residual cancer cells), 56% a major response (1% to 49% residual cancer cells), and 33% a minor response (> or = 50% residual cancer cells)." is factually incorrect. This study reported on 9% pCR, 36% major response, and 55% minor response.

We thank the Reviewer for pointing out this error. We have revised the sentence and have inserted the correct data.

Reviewer 2:

1. This is a review article examining factors which influence prognosis in patients with colorectal cancer with liver metastases. It addresses historic aspects, multiple-factor prognostic scores and the newer areas of genetic mutation analysis. The article is very well written,

comprehensive, clear and a useful update for clinicians with an interest in this area. It should be published.

We thank the Reviewer for his/her comments.

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

Sincerely yours,

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