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Dear Editors,

We are transferring the manuscript entitled “**Health-related quality of life in patients with liver resection: a systematic review and meta-analysis.**” for consideration for publication in *World Journal of Meta-analysis from World Journal of Gastroenterology*. I do not understand the invited paper has been rejected multiple times. This was an invited review (Number ID: 00053659), it should be accepted. We disappoint your quality assessment of the reviewing process where non-specialist reviewed the scientific paper. We are hesitating to revise our manuscript, but we do not want to lose our time playing with your reviewers.

To the Reviewer 03479459:

Our purpose of this study was to summarize the QOL assessment in the previous study. Generation bias and selection bias should be inevitable in this type of analysis. Because little study investigated QOL value in the patients who received hepatectomy, different treatment would be valuable for future decisional medicine. Lack of all the scientific knowledge made us additional modifications. Therefore, we eliminate the data regarding TACE from figs and tables.

It made the inclusion study period became short from 2007 to 2019.

The minor point was modified according to the comments. Therefore, we conducted the quality assessment in all the studies, as shown in supplemental table 4.

To the reviewer 03294368:

Thank you for great your understanding of the significance of our study. We eliminated the study dealing with TACE and related figs and tables.

Therefore, the title would be suitable as it was. The phrase of the mortality was modified.

According to the verve for mortality, three hundred million phrases used “decrease” compared to one-fifty million used “improve”.

Native speakers checked every single word and phrase with medical specialists.

Sincerely yours,

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