

## RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8239-review.doc).

**Title:** *"Indications, limitations and maneuvers to enable extended hepatectomy: current trends"*

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

**ESPS Manuscript NO:** 8239

Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to revise our manuscript for possible publication in your distinguished journal. All Editorial and Reviewers' comments and recommendations have been addressed. In order to facilitate editing, all changes have been highlighted and underlined in red in the revised manuscript. Furthermore, all reviewers' comments have been inserted in italics in our detailed response to reviewers, along with our change. All English corrections are also included in this version of the manuscript and have been highlighted and underlined in green.

We hope that this revision will satisfy the high standards of your distinguished journal. Please do not hesitate to contact me, should any problems occur. We are looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest possible convenience.

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 References and typesetting were corrected

3 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers:

**Reviewer #02861229**

1. *"Needed discussion of preoperative liver function evaluation."*

**Thank you very much for the revision of our manuscript. Data has been added and highlighted in red in the text. The additional reference is also highlighted in red.**

2. *"Suggested presentation of comparative tables of different techniques."*

**After a thorough search of our references as well as the wide spectrum of current literature, we believe that it is not feasible to create a sufficient comparative table. There are not enough data in order to compare these procedures. Moreover, portal vein maneuvers are combined with two-stage hepatectomies, and comparative studies have not been reported.**

3. *"Language polishing needed."*

**The manuscript is revised and corrected by our experienced language editor. All English corrections are included in this version of the manuscript. In order to facilitate editing, all changes have been highlighted and underlined in green in the revised manuscript.**

**Reviewer #02462197**

1. *"Indications and limitations: I think the text should be shortened in this section. Mainly in the "Indications and limitations" part, the text appears too long and complex to be rightfully followed. Consequently, I suggest to reduce mainly this part;*

**Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to revise our manuscript. We have been asked by the other reviewer to add one more paragraph, instead of reducing this part. We chose to do both, since we agree that a discussion regarding preoperative liver function evaluation will add up greatly to the article, while shortening this section will remove some insignificant parts.**

**The phrase "The preoperative evaluation of patients with underlying liver disease usually consists of a biochemical panel, full blood count and Child – Pough classification." on page 8 has been deleted**

**The part "Another important point in this study... ..was proven to be an independent factor for a worse outcome." on page 5 has been removed.**

2. *"...only an English style revision is needed..."*

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Thank you again for giving us the opportunity to revise our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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