

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8755-review.doc).

Title: Clinical Outcome of small hepatocellular carcinoma with different treatments: a meta-analysis

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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) We include nine new RCT studies. The effect of liver cancer treatment is unsatisfactory, timely summary and analysis of existing data is important, however, the study of RCT is few.

(2) We performed a review to assess survival, major complications, AFP level, tumor size and other clinical data of RES versus nRES for treating small HCC.

(3) We add the comparison of radiofrequency ablation (RFA) versus percutaneous ethanol injection (PEI) and radiofrequency ablation plus transcatheter arterial chemoembolization (TACE) to access the relatively better choice of nonsurgical ablations.

(4) In previous studies, meta-analysis was conducted on cases of RES versus RFA or RES versus other single nonsurgical ablation methods, we included RES versus nRES and nRES versus nRES, which may provide the evidence for determining the superior choice for treatment of small HCC.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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