

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8882-Brief Article.doc).

Title: Outcomes of A Simple Saline-coupled Bipolar Electrocautery for Hepatic Resection

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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

Reviewer's major comments:

Question 1(Q1): The authors should remove the results of the analysis from the last segment of the introduction. It's already there in the discussion

Answer 1(A1): Thanks for your careful review. We have already removed the results of the analysis from the last segment of the introduction (Page 3, line 21).

Q2: Although the logical premise is reduction in cost due to less complications, transfusions and CUSA cost; however that analysis has not been done so the authors can not comment on the economic benefit of one technique over the other in the abstract, core tip and the manuscript itself.

A2: Thanks for your good question. Actually, we have some analysis data about the medical cost, however, the sample size is small, and it's hard to get accurate analysis results because many patients had underlying diseases before admission which need more medical cost except hepatic resection itself. So, we totally agree with your comment and removed our comment on the economic benefit of one technique over the other in the abstract (Page 2, line 17), core tip (Page 2, line 26) and the manuscript

itself (Page 8, line 2 from bottom).

Minor Comments:

Q1: The authors have not described the reason for choosing one technique over the other. Was this due to equipment availability or change over time or surgeon specific? This should be included in the methods.

A1: Yes, we chose one technique over the other due to equipment availability or change over time. CUSA and CLAMP were performed between April 2011 and April 2012, and BIP was performed from April 2012 to May 2013. We have already added this part of description into the Methods section (page 4, line 12).

Q2: Extensive language polishing is required.

A2: This manuscript has already revised by English language editing company.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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