

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 12800-review.doc).

Title: External-beam radiotherapy for bone metastases of hepatocellular carcinoma

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Name of Journal: *World Journal of hepatology*

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

1 Format has been updated

All the revisions we made were colored in the updated version manuscript.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

- (1) We included a typical CT image of bone metastasis as Figure 1 in the manuscript.
- (2) We revised the introduction and cut appropriately, according to some reviewers' comments.
- (3) We described about the incidence of bone metastases separately and discussed in detail potential explanations of increase of bone metastases. We summarized data of the review in Table 1.
- (4) We added a more basic discussion of radiotherapy for the non-expert.
- (5) We added some discussion about the treatment on bone metastasis of HCC.
- (6) We did not omit some parts related to different tumors because there is the limited number of relevant reports of radiotherapy for HCC and we need to compare reports from different tumors with those from HCC.

3 The manuscripts was edited by the English language editing companies: American Journal Experts.

We revised our manuscript and it has been carefully reviewed by experienced editors.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Shinya Hayashi', on a light gray rectangular background.

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