

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 15356-edited.doc).

Title: Risk of venous congestion and liver failure in live donors of right grafts inclusive of the middle hepatic vein: A single center experience.

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

- 1 The title has been amended and adjusted to the limit of 10-12 words / 60 bytes
- 2 The abstract has been structured in congruence with the format requirements
- 3 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) Reviewer 00006599

No Comments; accept; very good

Thank you very much for this kind comment

(2) Reviewer 03011219

In the discussion section, donor morbidity in other center using the same volume-evaluating model should be used to compare with the results of the present study.

Following that kind suggestion, we have implemented the morbidity comparison in the discussion accordingly.

This study can be accepted after minor revision

We very much appreciate the reviewer comment

(3) Third reviewer

The cause of liver transplantation was not disclosed through the paper. Even if the authors believed that this is not the main subject of the paper and the text might indirectly suggest to the readers that they were family liver transplantations the reason for the transplantations provided in the paper.

We understand the objection and have included the information on the indications for the liver transplantation in the additional **(Material & Methods) section: Recipient indications for liver transplantations** enclosing them in an additional table-1. Consequently we have renumbered the all other tables accordingly

In the light of above the paper may be considered for publication after a minor revision that respect the comments given below

Thank you!

(4) Reviewer 02441269

I am interested about the cases after 2007, what did you chose for recent liver transplant procedures?

Following the discontinuation of the adult LDLT program at the University Hospital Essen in 2008 we still have followed the individualized MHV management concept using our MHV-volume/anatomy-safety characteristics to prevent liver failure in extended right graft donors. However, the application of our policy was limited by a small set of patients mainly involving full left graft- or non-MHV containing right graft LDLT at the Universities of Kiel and Tuebingen.

We hope that the manuscript in its current form will satisfactorily meet the reviewer expectations and can make a valuable contribution to the field of living donor liver transplantation.

We look forward to a favourable response, and again very much appreciate the considerable support given to us by the excellent reviewer comments intended to make this paper compatible with the exceptional quality and standing of your prestigious Journal.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized 'S' or 'J' followed by a flourish.

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