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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 15984-edited revised.doc).

Title: Isolated Limb Infusion chemotherapy with or without hemofiltration for recurrent limb melanoma

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

1. Reference Format has been updated
2. Format of citation numbers in the text has been updated
3. English language was improved
4. Title and running title were edited according to journal requirements

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

- (1) It has been stated why our report is interesting in the introduction: The results of our study confirm that the new research avenue ILI and ILI-HF, which are noninvasive loco-regional treatments, can be as effective as more aggressive treatments, showing similar responses to ILP. ILI, moreover, is a simplified method that allow the treatment of patients with distant metastases, and the reduction of painful diseases. Literature reports in this field are still limited and require further confirmations
- (2) We amended the definition of our data
- (3) Affiliations: Department was corrected
- (4) Abstract: word count was amended according to comments, and number of patients and percentages were corrected, and we deleted "easily repeated" in the conclusion section
- (5) We deleted the first 7 lines of the introduction, table 1 and the description of ILP, and the reason for selection of ILI was inserted: we have been performing ILI for our patients for several years, and decided to collect data on our procedures, in order to verify if this procedure can be comparable to ILP, which normally is performed by surgeons, and is a more complex procedure.
- (6) It has been clarified that this was a retrospective study
- (7) It was specified the type of hemofilter
- (8) It was clarified the hemofiltration process, and the duration of limb occlusion
- (9) It was specified why Ct scans were used
- (10) It was specified that we did not use hyperthermia and the reasons for it, and what we think of it
- (11) We report data on 30 days after procedure, because in our experience the response is promptly observed, and from the progression free survival period it can be noticed that the response was maintained for several months
- (12) It was specified at which time point the QoL was assessed
- (13) It was specified the criteria for the selection of drugs, the presence of distant metastases,

palpable nodes, LDN and presenting symptoms

(14) The first paragraph of the discussion was deleted

(15) Conclusion was shortened and the targeted therapy was deleted from it

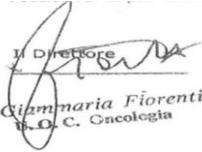
(16) It was specified the advantage of hemofiltration, the criteria for repeating the ILI, the best chemotherapy in our experience, and the systemic leak measurement methods.

The rationale for the use of this angiograms was that in responders we observed the disappearance and/or reduction of tumor blush in the lesion.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the World Journal of Clinical Oncology

Sincerely yours,



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