

ANSWER for REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 16620-edited-revised.doc).

Title: Perspective of laparoscopic liver resection for hepatocellular carcinoma

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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) Comments of reviewer 1: I read with great interest the Editorial by Zenichi Morise focusing on the advantages of laparoscopic liver resection for HCC compared to open surgery. The author reviews the data from the 2nd international consensus conference on laparoscopic liver resection. For the acceptance of this paper, a minor language polishing is needed (e.g. "...the patients of hepatocellular carcinoma" in page 2, "...review of the literatures..." in page 2, "...are the best hopes for cure" in page 4, "...especially after repeat treatments..." in page 5). I do not also obtain a clear view of how the tables will be shown due to the unstructured form submitted here. Finally, in the legend of the figure, apart from the description there is also a paragraph that is repeated exactly in the main text, so for this reason it can be omitted from the legend.

Response: The manuscript has been carefully read and corrected by a professional English language editor. We appreciate the comments and have revised the Tables and Figure legend accordingly.

- (2) Comments of reviewer 2: The paper makes original contribution. The paper is well organized. Author Guidelines has been followed properly in preparing the manuscript.

Response: Thank you very much for your comments.

- (3) Comments of reviewer 3: The authors wrote an editorial titled "Perspective of laparoscopic liver resection for ..." which was based on the review and meta-analysis of the 2nd international consensus conference on laparoscopic liver resection. I don't have any serious comment on this candidate editorial. I enumerated several minor comments below.
 1. What does the author consider as contraindications for LLR in HCC patients at the present time?
 2. In Page 4, the reference number [11] should be [5].
 3. In Page 6, "reference number 17" should be "[17]."
 4. In the sentence, "There are 5 comparative studies for HCC with 100% rate of LC

patients^[31,33,36,42,45,53], in Page 9, “5” probably should be “6.”

Response: For comment number 1, I have added sentences explaining the contraindication of LLR to the last paragraph in the “OVERVIEW OF LLR” section. For comment numbers 2 and 3, I apologize for the errors and have made the appropriate corrections. With regard to comment number 4, I have amended the statement to read: “There are six comparative studies from five institutions in which all patients with HCC had liver cirrhosis^[31,33,36,42,45,53].”

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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