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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 17781-revised.docx).

**Title:** Comparative study and systematic review of laparoscopic liver resection for hepatocellular carcinoma

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

1 The format has been updated according to the suggestions of the reviewers

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers:

- a) It was commented upon that some of the statements in the text were not very clear. The unclear statements in the text have been removed or edited for greater clarity.
- b) The missing data in table 1 "No. of tumours" has been added.

3 The format of the cited references and typesetting were corrected as requested by the editor and authors were listed as well.

4 Regarding the comment on whether the patients in the LLR group possibly had better disease-free survival as their HCC staging was not as advanced compared to the OLR group: while we acknowledge that according to our data that the tumour stage of the LLR group may be less advanced, final tumour stage of both the groups was not included our analysis. It has however been mentioned in our discussion that the larger incidence of microscopic vascular invasion might have caused the significant difference in disease-free survival in both groups.

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

Sincerely yours,



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