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**Submission of manuscript:
Liver Resections Can Be Performed Safely Without Pringle Maneuver:
A Prospective Cohort Study**

Dear Dr. Ma,

Thank you for your kind invitation to send you a manuscript. We would be grateful if you consider the already announced and enclosed manuscript with the above mentioned title for publication in *World Journal of Hepatology*.

The main finding of the paper is that major liver resections can be done safely without Pringle maneuver (hepatic pedicle clamping), and hence, without ischemic damage to the liver remnant. We feel that this finding is of educational, clinical, and scientific importance, as many hepatobiliary centers routinely do Pringle maneuvers in major liver resections and have their scientific focus on how to avoid consequences of this maneuver (e.g. by ischemic preconditioning, intermittent clamping etc.).

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