

Dear Editor,

Re: Manuscript ID #: 33227; Entitled: "Extreme liver resections with preservation of segment 4 only"

Thank you for the positive feedback following the review of our manuscript. We believe we made the proper adjustments in this paper as pointed out by the reviewers and yourself. The major modifications are outlined below and the manuscript is hereby resubmitted for publication.

*Response to comments of reviewer 02441161*

Thank you for your kind comments. The reviewer suggests it would be better to have a larger number of cases. This is something we cannot disagree. However, we believe that a reasonable number of similar cases are not even considered for resection. Our technique represents a very contemporary approach to extreme liver resections. We do believe our team and others will be able to present larger series in the near future.

*Response to comments of reviewer 03262371*

Thank you for your valuable comments. Regarding the type of the study, we agree that an observational study keeping a comparison group is appropriate. We kept the comparison group as in our minds this is the best way to make the results as clear as possible. For sure, adjustments in this issue were made in the manuscript when appropriate.

The format of the references was altered according to editor suggestion.

The language was reviewed and certificated by one of the biomedical editing companies.

Sincerely,

Silvio M. P. Balzan

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