

Dear Editor Dr Gong,

Thank you very much for the positive review of our manuscript

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Split Liver Transplantation: Current Developments

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We are grateful that we were given the opportunity to resubmit our manuscript following a revision according to the suggestions of the reviewers.

We would like to thank the reviewers for their efforts in carefully reviewing this work. We have responded to all points raised and hope that the manuscript is now acceptable for publication in the World Journal of Gastroenterology. All authors concur with the revised version of this manuscript.

We appreciate your time and consideration in handling and reviewing our manuscript and are looking forward to receiving your final decision.

Best regards,
Christina Hackl

Reviewer #1: This manuscript presents current information about critical issues of performing split liver transplantation, which is a good option to expand the pool of donor organs and reduce waiting list mortality. Overall this is a useful and meaningful review. However, it needs to be carefully edited in English, as there are some grammar errors and bad sentences.

The manuscript has now been edited by Prof. Geissler, an American native speaker.

Reviewer #2: Title: Split Liver Transplantation: Current Developments Overall the article is scientifically sound and raised interesting issues regarding the ethics of the practice and the surgical expertise behind split liver transplant. The review of the literature, and outcomes of split liver are well-performed by the authors, however, the article requires editing for the English language as well as some organization regarding the flow of the information and the headline topics. The article will be better understood and comprehended by the readers if it can be arranged in the following way; Background, Surgical techniques, Ethical issues, Outcomes, The Future of SLT, and The conclusion.

The manuscript has now been edited by Prof. Geissler, an American native speaker. Furthermore, the headlines have been re-organized according to the reviewer's suggestions

Reviewer #3: This is a timely and well written review of liver splitting for transplantation. It is important to separate the livers from cadaveric donors that undergo splitting and those from living donors as the process the liver goes through and the 'risks' to the donor are very different. The authors would do well to avoid the word 'harvest' in relation to organ procurement as this can become emotive in some countries. Otherwise I would commend the authors for their work and suggest the inclusion of some diagrammatic representation of a split liver, vascular structures, etc as this would aide the reader who is not a liver surgeon.

The authors thank reviewer #3 for his suggestions. The difference between split liver transplantation from cadaveric livers and living donor liver transplantation has now been made more clear throughout the manuscript. The word „harvest“ has been replaced by „organ procurement“. Furthermore, we added Figure number 4 according to the reviewer's suggestions.