

## Response Letter

Dear Editor,

Thank you so much for reviewing our editorial manuscript so quickly and carefully (Manuscript NO:41538):

Title: A better surgical treatment method for hepatocellular carcinoma with portal vein tumor thrombus

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Please find enclosed the revision of our manuscript (file name: 41538-revised.doc) which was carefully revised according to the reviewers' comments. We thank the reviewers for very helpful comments and suggestions. Please let me know if you need anything else or if anything was wrong. We would be happy to answer any question you may have.

Sincerely

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## Reviewers' Comments:

1. Surgical procedures in the manuscript were informative. As for HCC, residual liver function is an important factor not only for patient survival but also decision making of treatment. This manuscript lacked liver function.

Respond: Thanks for your comment. We have added the liver function of these patients in the manuscript and highlighted with yellow color.

2. How would the authors choose patient for surgical treatment? How would the long-term survival be concluded after stratification based on liver function? Liver function would consist of prothrombin time, total bilirubin, and other factors.

Respond: We performed surgical treatment for hepatocellular carcinoma patients with portal vein thrombus based mainly on that the liver function was Class A or selected B according to the Child-pugh classification, and Child-Pugh class C was regarded as a contraindication. The patients mentioned in this manuscript were all Class A, currently we are collecting the data of all the HCC-PVTT patients we have treated, and we will analyze the long-term survival after stratification based on the liver function in the future.

To Editor:

1. We provided certificate letter from a professional English language editing company.
2. We revised the running title, the abstract and core tip, which were highlighted in yellow color in the manuscript.
3. We provided the conflict of interest statement, the copyright license agreement, the image file and a video.
4. We provided PMID and or DOI for each reference in the list when available, which were highlighted in yellow color in the manuscript.
5. Some other content added in the manuscript was also highlighted in yellow color.

Thank you again for publishing our editorial manuscript in the World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Sincerely yours,

Shu You Peng