

Answering reviewers

Reviewer #1

Thank you for your understanding.

Reviewer #2

1 and 2: We added mortality in the Table 7. 3 and 4: We had discussed about the difficulty of calculating BSA already. 5: The wide range is important. 6 and 7: The patients received hepatectomy and we hold all pathological findings. 8 -10: Statement has been modified. 11: Sapporo score is our method. 12-15: we revised them all.

Reviewer #3.

Thank you for your understanding of the significance of our review.

Our searching strategy was revised according to the reviewer's comment. The reference # 20 was accepted and waiting for publication. However, publisher had not been responded since we received the acceptance. We attached the proof as supplement file. We added MELD score and Child-Pugh score according to the comments. ICC would be minus if the relation was negative.

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