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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5518-review.doc).

**Title:** Value of radiofrequency ablation in the treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated according the request of the WJG.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

- (1) Answers to reviewer 00053659: In the section about liver transplantation, we made an original table summarized the studies using RFA as a pretransplantation bridge therapy which may be helpful to the readers. In hepatectomy: We made an algorism according to your comment. RFA combined with LR: we made a table again for this part according to your valuable comment. In addition, we replaced Figure 2 by original figs and revised the section about RF-assisted hepatectomy. Finally, the manuscripts re-edited by the English language editing companies.
- (2) Answers to reviewer 00505510: We added three tables to the manuscript which may be helpful to the readers.
- (3) Answers to reviewer 01550488: We revised the introduction of this manuscript according to your comment. We rephrased the whole paragraph that you mentioned on the page 5 and revised some arbitrary conclusions. Thank you for your valuable recommendation.
- (4) Answers to reviewer 00183029: A. We rephrased and toned down some arbitrary conclusions from insufficient, evolving data. B. We revised the title and the abstract according to your valuable comment. C. On page 8, we rephrase the sentence that you mentioned. D. we deleted the fig 3 which represent our personal experience and given some objective advices. Thank you for your elaborate recommendation..
- (5) Answers to reviewer 02540061: A. We revised the title according to your valuable comment. B. Because of its relevance the authors we added numbers on overall survival and disease-free survival rate at the relevant section. C. We added the data on the complication rate and

morbidity of RFA in this manuscript. Tank you for your kindly reminders.

3 References and typesetting were corrected by the English language editing companies.

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

Sincerely yours,

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