

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 74712\_Auto\_Edited.docx).

**Title:** Clinical significance of variant hepatic artery in pancreatic resection: a comprehensive review

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

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Thank you for giving us the opportunity to revise our manuscript. The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

**Reviewer #1 (Reviewer's code: 05342613):**

1. Abstract. Short conclusion should be added.

**Response:** We have added a short conclusion at the end of the abstract--"As a whole, hepatic artery variant may not worsen surgical and oncological outcomes as long as it is accurately identified preoperatively and appropriately managed intraoperatively."

2. Background. THERE IS NO INTRODUCTION OR BACKGROUND.

**Response:** We have modified the first paragraph into the introduction.

3. Methods. THERE IS NO DESCRIPTION FOR MATERIALS AND METHODS. SHOULD BE.

**Response:** We have added the Methods Section in the revised manuscript as follows:

**Methods**

A thorough search was performed in the PubMed database for relevant studies on variant hepatic artery and pancreatic resection. The search terms used "aberrant" or "variant" or "anomaly" AND "hepatic artery" AND "pancreaticoduodenectomy" or "pancreatectomy". All available studies published in the English or Chinese language between January 2000 and November 2021 (a total of 131 articles) were potentially included.

4. Illustrations and tables. TABLE AND FIGURES ARE EXCELLENT. I HAVE SOME SUGGESTION ON THE FIGURE AND TABLES. PLEASE SEE THE MANUSCRIPT.

**Response:** We thank for this suggestion. We have modified all figures and tables according to the “Guidelines for Authors”.

**Reviewer #2 (Reviewer’s code: 00182423):**

1. This is a beautiful comprehensive review on clinical significance of variant hepatic artery in pancreatic resection. I believe this manuscript will be one of the most cited papers in this field.

**Response:** Thanks very much for this praise.

**Science editor:**

1. The author comprehensively reviewed the anatomical basis of hepatic artery variation, its incidence, and effect on surgical and oncological outcomes after pancreatic resection. The manuscript is of good quality.

**Response:** We thank the editor for his/her praise.

2. But the writing format needs to be changed. Please refer to the requirements of World Journal of Gastroenterology to modify the manuscript.

**Response:** We have revised the manuscript according to the editor’s suggestion and the requirements of World Journal of Gastroenterology.

**Company editor-in-chief:**

1. Before final acceptance, uniform presentation should be used for figures showing the same or similar contents; for example, “Figure 1 Pathological changes of atrophic gastritis after treatment. A: ...; B: ...; C: ...; D: ...; E: ...; F: ...; G: ...”. Please provide decomposable Figures (in which all components are movable and editable), organize them into a single PowerPoint file.

**Response:** We have made corrections to all the figures according to the editor’s suggestion. Please see the 74712-Image File.pptx.

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**Response:** We have made corrections to all the tables according to the editor’s suggestion. Please see the 74712-Tables.docx.

3. Please check and confirm whether the figures are original (i.e. generated de novo by the author(s) for this paper). If the picture is ‘original’, the author needs to add the following copyright information to the bottom right-hand side of the picture in PowerPoint (PPT): Copyright ©The Author(s) 2022.

**Response:** All of the figures are original in this manuscript, and we have added “Copyright ©The Author(s) 2022” to the bottom right-hand side of the picture in PowerPoint (PPT).

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

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