

Dear Editor:

On behalf of my co-authors, we are very grateful to you for giving us an opportunity to revise our manuscript. We appreciate you very much for your positive and constructive comments and suggestions on our manuscript entitled "Surgical treatment for recurrent hepatocellular carcinoma: Current status and challenges"(ID : 82131).

We have studied reviewers' comments carefully and tried our best to revise our manuscript according to the comments. The following are the responses and revisions I have made in response to the reviewers' questions and suggestions on an item-by-item basis. Thanks again to the hard work of the editor and reviewer!

REVIEWER 1 EVALUATION:

1: The authors should discuss the below point. I expect that the multidisciplinary treatment through the effective systemic treatment such as Lenvatinib and Atezo/Bev for HCC will expand the application of hepatectomy, in cases of not only unresectable, but also repeated hepatectomy. The authors should talk about this point as a future perspective.

Author Response: According to the opinion of the reviewer, we have consulted the literature in recent years, and there have been many reports on surgical treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma after the downgrading treatment, but the reports on surgical treatment of recurrent hepatocellular carcinoma after the downgrading treatment are still insufficient. Therefore, we have only added the prospect of surgical treatment of recurrent hepatocellular carcinoma after the downgrading treatment to the content of the future outlook, It is hoped that more research in this direction will be conducted in the future, which will bring more choices for patients with liver cancer recurrence.

REVIEWER 2 EVALUATION:

1: The study is in need for further language editing

Author Response: we used the extensive editing service so as to completely address the language problems of the manuscript. The company provides the official manuscript language editing certificate, through which the company guarantees that the language of the manuscript has reached grade A.

Special thanks to you for your good comments. This is very helpful to improve the manuscript.

Sincerely,

Shusen Zheng