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

1 Format has been updated

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

(1) The efficacy of SWE should be compared to other technique that proved to be useful in the evaluation of necrosis such as CT, CEUS or MRI.

Reply: As the reviewer has suggested, this is a major limitation of our study. We have therefore added several sentences concerning this limitation in the Discussion section (page, lines).

(2) The evaluation of necrosis proved to be more précised after 3 or 4 weeks after ablation.

Reply: We agree with the reviewer's statement. However, the main point of this study is that the area of the thermal lesions could be precisely and immediately assessed by using SWE. We therefore did not perform assessment 3 or 4 weeks after ablation.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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(1) This is a generally well-written paper focused on a important topic, the use of normal rat livers is a strong limitation.

Reply: We fully acknowledge this point and have included it in our comments regarding the limitations of our study in the Discussion section. We hope that this is acceptable.

(2) I'd suggest a language review for minor edits.

Reply: The resubmitted manuscript has been reviewed by a native English-speaking medical editor. We have provided a Certificate of Editing signed by the editor.

(3) Moreover, were the rat livers free of steatosis as well.

Reply: Yes, the rat livers were free of steatosis.

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