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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format.

Title: RE: "Laparoscopic *vs* open approach to resection of hepatocellular carcinoma in patients with known cirrhosis"

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

1 Format has been updated. Running title, Abstract and core tip have been added in the manuscript.

2 References and typesetting were corrected.

3 Language of our manuscript has been checked again and should meet the journal's requirements.

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

Sincerely yours,

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