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RE: Manuscript “**The role of a liver-first approach for synchronous colorectal liver metastases**”.

Dear Editor:

The revised manuscript is “**The role of a liver-first approach for synchronous colorectal liver metastases** (No. 20537)”. We would like to thank WJG for giving us the opportunity to revise our manuscript. We have carefully taken the comments into consideration in preparing our revision, which has resulted in a paper that is more clear and compelling. The point-by-point responses are attached after this letter. A revised manuscript in response to the comments with tracked changes has been prepared.

The manuscript has not been previously published in any language in whole or in part and is not currently under consideration elsewhere. None of the authors have any competing financial interest to report.

Thank you for considering our manuscript for publication in your esteemed journal.

Sincerely,

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Point-By-Point Response

Reviewer #1:

Major Comment: This is an interesting study about the liver first approach for synchronous colorectal liver metastases. As the authors indicated that The standard surgical approach for patients presenting with synchronous colorectal liver metastases still unknown. The optimal time and sequence of surgery is under debate. In this study, the authors evaluated the feasibility and oncological outcome of the liver first approach. Totally 18 patients presented with synchronous colorectal liver metastases were included in this study. Clinical data, surgical outcomes, morbidity and mortality rates were collected. The results are very interesting, and well discussed. After some minor revision, this manuscript can be published.

Response: We appreciate the reviewer's interest in our manuscript and his very thoughtful comments. Based on the comments and requests, we have modified the original manuscript. The detailed responses follow.

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Comment 1: An editing of the manuscript is needed.

Response 1: Thank you for your considerable comment. We apologize for making this mistake. We realize that English is not our native language. The manuscript has again been sent to American Journal Experts (see Figure). The manuscript was re-edited for spelling and language problems. Furthermore, we revised the discussion section and adjusted its sequence. Finally, we reread the complete revised manuscript, and the revisions were highlighted.

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Comment 2: Some more recent references should also be included and discussed.

Response 2: We apologize for making this mistake. In the discussion section, we added additional surgical progress and quoted several recent references, such as Ihnat P.^[26], Feng Q.^[29], Castellanos^[39], etc. However, there were only a few studies related the liver-first approach. More studies reported on the simultaneous resection. Therefore, we did not update and quote the more recent references.

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Comment 3: The data in the tables need to be checked again.

Response 3: We appreciate your feedback. We rechecked the tables prior to submitting the revision. We appreciate the thoughtful comments to help us improve our manuscript. Thank you very much.

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