

Response to review of draft article 16717.

Thank you for your review and feed-back on this submission. Please find a revised draft that takes into account the feed-back. Changes to text or layout are high-lighted in red.

Please find responses to specific comments:

1. Abstract. The abstract has been re-structured following World Journal of Gastroenterology guidelines for authors.
2. Introduction. This now includes a description of the search strategy used.
3. Main text. This has been re-structured with shorter sections and greater use of sub-headings.
4. Statistics. These have been used where possible.
5. Tables. An additional table 1 of the key studies of portal vein thrombosis and liver transplantation has been added and referred to in the main text of the paper. Tables 3&4 have additional statistics incorporated where possible.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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