

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

Reviewer's code: 03226069

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Interesting study. However the language need an editing. After that, it can be accepted for publication.

Answer: The language of the manuscript has been revised by a native English speaker.

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This is an interesting manuscript about the effect of a poloxamer 407-based thermosensitive gel on minimization of thermal injury to diaphragm during microwave ablation of the liver. The authors prepared serial dilutions of poloxamer 407 and 25 % concentration was identified as suitable for ablation procedures. Subsequently, microwave ablations were performed on the livers of 24 rabbits (gel, saline, control group, 8 in each). The P407 solution and 0.9% normal saline were injected into the potential space between the diaphragm and liver in experimental groups. No barriers were applied to the controls. After microwave ablations, the frequency, size, and degree of thermal injury were compared histologically among the three groups. Subsequently, other eight rabbits were injected with the P407 solution and microwave ablation was performed. The levels of ALT, AST, BUN and Cr in serum were tested at 1 day before microwave ablation and 3 and 7 days after operation. Results: In vivo ablation, thermal injury to the adjacent diaphragm was in turn in the control, saline, 25 % P407 gel group. However, there was no significant difference in the volume of ablation zone among the three groups. 25 % P407 gel could be a more effective choice during microwave ablation of subcapsular hepatic tumors adjacent to the diaphragm. Comments: 1 English should be revised by a native English speaker. There are some minor language polishing. 2 The referecnes shuld be updated. 3 The authors should check the data again. 4 Discusion should be re-arranged, so that the results will be discussed more better.

Answer: I have revised the rereferences according to the guidelines. I have checked the data carefully again to ensure its accuracy. I have re-arranged the discussion.