

Dear Editor,

This manuscript is a resubmission of our previous manuscript entitled “Feasibility of Laparoscopic isolated caudate lobe resection for rare hepatic mesenchymal neoplasms” (MS No. 47228) .

In your decision letter about our manuscript, you encourage us to consider a resubmission that constructively addresses all of the concerns raised in the reviewers. Here, we performed considerable changes to the manuscript. As a result, we believe the resubmission is much stronger.

We appreciate your kind consideration of our manuscript.

Sincerely Yours,

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Response to Reviewers

The reviewer raised some constructive criticisms and suggestions. We performed considerable changes to the manuscript. As a result, we believe the manuscript is much stronger. We wish to take this opportunity to thank the reviewer for the valuable input. Below, we summarize the reviewers' comments, and describe point-by-point how we have addressed them.

1. (Reviewer) First, the purpose of the paper is unclear. If you would like to present the feasibility, you should show the location and size with clear images. The tumor margin of the figures was unclear. If you would like to present the rare tumor, you should show the list of the immunologic characters.

(Our response) We replaced some images with clear location and size of the tumors and showed the immunologic characters of the tumors.

2. (Reviewer) Second, you listed 11 patients, including eight patients who received open surgery. If you would like to present a similar clinical outcome between the groups, you should analyze them statistically. You uploaded only three documents for surgical procedures, and please upload 11 consent forms for registering the studies.

(Our response) We performed statistic analysis and uploaded all of the 11 informed consents of the patients.

3. (Reviewer) Third, the images to identify the tumor margin and character with different modalities would help us to understand what you did. Post-operative CT images would also help us so much.

(Our response) We uploaded some figures indicating the surgical area after the tumor was resected.