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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 1449-review.doc).

Title: RFA versus RFA combined with TACE for hepatocellular carcinoma : a meta-analysis

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

(1) "Please see specific comments in the attached file showing tracking changes in the manuscript. In particular: Materials and Methods: more details should be provided with regard to the searching strategy. Results: a flow chart is required to show the searching strategy for identification of these studies. Check the comments provided in the tracking changes. Results would benefit greatly from a major revision by taking into account of the comments. Discussion: refer to comments. Discussion is too general in some sections, suggest revising it to relate to the literature."

Response: We have read through this manuscript very carefully to improve and revise the "Abstract", "Introduction", "Materials and methods", "Results" and "Discussion" sections of our manuscript according to the reviewers' and editor's suggestions and "The revision policies of BPG for brief article". In the mean time, the revised sections were highlighted in the updated vision that marked with red color. We declare that there are no grammar, syntax, spelling, punctuation or logic errors in our manuscript after the minor language polishing.

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

Sincerely yours,

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