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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format.

**Title:** Liver transplantation for hepatic tumors: a systematic review

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

1 As the reviewer 1 asked, the following changes have been operated

- In the abstract "the" in line 2 has been deleted
- In the manuscript, page 7, line 22 the word "statistical" has been changed to "statistical"
- In the manuscript, page 6, line 22 and in page 9, line 17 the word "yelded" has been changed to "yielded"

2 English language has been revised and spelling errors have been checked through the whole paper; in the revised manuscript the changes have been underlined

3 Format has been updated

4 As the reviewer 2 asked, the abstract has been modified as follows:

- "The better medical and pharmacological management" in line 1 has been changed to "The improvement in medical and pharmacological management"
- "to an improved outcome" in line 2 has been changed to "to a better long term"
- "the risk of high recurrence rate" in line 4 has been changed to "the high risk of recurrence"
- "and reported the outcome" in line 7 has been deleted
- "The transplantability criteria for HCC have been recently extended as downstaging protocols have showed efficacy in increasing the postoperative survival of recipients initially out of conventional criteria (single nodule <5cm, <3 nodules less than 3 cm)." in lines 8,9 and 10 has been changed and extended to "The highly selected Milan criteria of LT for HCC (single nodule < 5 cm or up to 3 nodules < 3 cm) have been recently extended by the group of the University of S. Francisco (1 lesion < 6.5 cm or up to 3 lesions < 4.5 cm) with satisfying results of recurrence-free survival as well as by the "up-to-seven criteria". Moreover other transplant groups have recently developed downstaging protocols, including surgical or loco-regional treatments of HCC, which have showed efficacy in increasing the post-operative survival of recipients initially out of these criteria."
- "or to anatomical technical challenges" has been added in line 15
- "with comparable results to other indications" has been changed to "developed by the Mayo Clinic which allows to obtain long term results in disease-free survival comparable to other indications." in line 16 and 17
- "only possible cure" has been changed to "only possible and effective cure" in line 24

5 As the reviewer 2 asked the core tip has been modified as follows:

- “updated” in line 1 has been deleted
- the abbreviation LT for liver transplantation has been explained in line 1
- the word “malignancies” in line 2 has been changed to “tumors”
- the sentence “The indications to LT for malignancies has been debated because of the recurrence rate due to the negative impact of immunosuppressive therapy; however recent studies show that an accurate selection of the candidates and pre-LT treatments (surgical, loco-regional or chemotherapeutical) may improve the recurrence-free survival.” has been added from line 2 to 5
- the sentence “We report the recommendations and accepted guidelines for indication to LT for hepatic tumors and the results of the most recent studies; our considerations regarding the transplantability for each single indications are also reported” in lines from 2 to 4 has been changed to “We report the recommendations and accepted guidelines to LT for hepatic tumors and the long term results from the most recent literature; our policy for these indications is also reported.”

6 The manuscript has been modified as follows:

- “staging system” in page 6, line 4 has been deleted
- “as their hepatic function is still quite preserved” has been changed to “with a quite preserved hepatic function” in page 6, line 16
- “The research group from the University of California San Francisco published a paper in 2001 in which the survival rate at 5 years was over” has been changed to “In 2001, the research group from the University of California San Francisco reported a 5-year survival over” in page 6, line 24-26
- “studies” has been changed to “series” in page 6, line 26
- “Among the various retrospective studies only two papers reported prospective studies showing” has been changed to “Among the various retrospective data, only two prospective studies reported” page 7, line 4-5
- “In order to allow the growing demand of organs to meet the offer of donors, the transplantation centers need to enforce the programs of living donor transplantation (LDLT)” has been changed to “In order to meet the growing demand of organs, the programs of living donor transplantation (LDLT) were developed by many transplantation centers.” In page 8, line 21-22
- “(at least 3 months)” has been added in page 9 line 10
- “and the increased potential for biliary complication.” Has been deleted in page 10, line 25
- “recently” has been changed to “also” in page 11, line 25
- “and the group of Milan” has been deleted in page 12, line 15
- “at least 1-2 years have passed” has been changed to “at least a follow up time of 1-2 years” in page 12, line 23
- “Recently, a prospective study from the University of Oslo has been published describing LT from 2006 to 2011 of a total of 21 patients suffering from unresectable LM from colo-rectal cancer” has been changed to “Recently, a prospective study described the outcome of 21 LT for unresectable LM from colorectal cancer performed between 2006 and 2011” in page 13, line 10-11

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

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