

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 7904-review.doc).

Title: Hepatectomy of hepatocellular carcinoma in the era of liver transplantation

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It has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

REVIEWER 1:

Q: The article is important guidance to clinicians who know about the hepatectomy status to treat HCC in liver transplantation era very well. I suggest that the article can be published in the form of review in world J Gastroenterology.

A: Thank you very much!

REVIEWER 2:

Q: According to the meaning of the title, numerous strategies or combination therapies do present viable options for abrogating tumor progression and potentially downsizing tumors to facilitate transplant, should be discussed in this review. some misspelling and grammatical errors in the manuscript. For example:

in page 3:"----- Therefore, hepatectomy become the first-line treatment of HCC"

changed into "----- Therefore, hepatectomy remains the priority for treatment of HCC"?

A: (1) Yes, the "become" is change in to "remains" and I have polished this article by native English speaking doctor.

(2) The title is "Hepatectomy of hepatocellular carcinoma in the era of liver transplantation". And we focus on the "hepatectomy" under the background of "the era of liver transplantation". Tank you very much!

REVIEWER 3:

Q: This paper describes strategies to increase the low resectability rate and reduce the high recurrence rate. The information is well summarized. But the paper includes several problems as described below.

1) In the session of portal embolization, ALPS should be added. 2) There is no description about solafenib. 3) There are several spell errors. "tree" should be "three". "surgerical" should be "surgical". "disseted" should be "dissected". "parenchuma" should be "parenchyma".

A: (1) Yes, I correct these misspell words. Now this article was polished by native English speaking doctor. (2) The title is "Hepatectomy of hepatocellular carcinoma in the era of liver transplantation". And we focus on the "hepatectomy" under the background of "the era of liver transplantation". Thank you very much!

REVIEWER 4:

Q: See attached Some area in the article require some revision: 1. Some minor typo 2. Need to describe more the recent studies of liver transplant for HCC 3. Need to describe more of the recent studies of hepatectomy with IVC reconstruction 4. Need to describe more of the recent studies of ex-vivo liver resection.

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REVIEWER 5:

Q: The authors reviewed current status of surgical treatment for primary HCC. Although the authors had discussed numerous strategies for improving the long-term outcome of patient undergone liver resection for HCC, the title seems not to fit with the context very well. These treatment strategies were all well established as rational treatment options without the evolving of liver transplantation. Additionally, the criterion of liver resection for primary HCC hasn't been changed by the evolution of liver transplantation so far. Although there was a debate regarding liver transplantation versus liver resection for Child A liver cirrhosis associated with early stage HCC, it has become more clear that liver resection remains the priority if liver resection is feasible. The beneficial role of liver transplantation in terms of hepatectomy for HCC is salvage liver transplantation for postoperative recurrent HCC. The major concern is how the salvage liver transplantation could provide benefit for patient in terms of the period between liver resection for primary HCC and salvage liver transplantation for recurrent HCC. Minor comments: There are numerous misspelling and grammatical errors in the manuscript.


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3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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