

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 9778-review(marked).doc).

Title: Recurrent Hepatocellular Carcinoma after Partial Hepatectomy with Complete Tumor Response to Sorafenib

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

1. Format has been updated, and all manuscript was reviewed by Prof. Lau.

2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers

(1) Although the patient was diagnosed as hepatocellular carcinoma with intrahepatic metastasis and classified as BCLC stage B, partial hepatectomy was usually performed firstly and added by followed adjuvant TACE according to the Chinese expert consensus on treatment of HCC.

(2) Two months after surgery, CT scan and hepatic angiography revealed multiple tumor nodules (maximum 41 × 24 mm) in the liver. The patient was diagnosed as recurrent HCC. The biggest lesion may be the fusion of multiple nodules.

(3) The patient remains disease-free survival according to our latest follow-up. There was no evidence of progression of disease for 60 months till now.

(4) The figures have been replaced by higher quality of figures and more detailed description, and other images were also added(refer to fig. 1,2) .

(5) Many reports have showed that the HCC patients can achieve complete clinical response with administration of sorafenib. However, the exact mechanism remains unclear based on the present studies.

3. References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liafeng". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'L'.

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