

### Response to reviewers

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- The study presented many criterion, but missed some important one, such as Hangzhou criteria which include vital markers of biological aggressiveness: alpha-fetoprotein, differentiation (2016. "Liver transplantation for hepatocellular carcinoma beyond the Milan criteria." Gut 65: 1035-1041).  
*According to reviewer' suggestion, Hangzhou criteria have been included in the article in the AFP section.*
- The title "Liver transplantation for intermediate hepatocellular carcinoma: can we safely expand up-to-seven criteria?" may not reflect the content of text, up-to-seven criteria isn't the core message since the main emphasis of this manuscript sits on "adaptive approach".  
*According to reviewer' suggestion, article title was modified in "Liver transplantation for intermediate hepatocellular carcinoma: an adaptive approach"*
- The paper does not read well overall. The authors would benefit significantly from a professional English writer/reviewer.  
*According to WJG guidelines, manuscript has been revised by a Native english speaker and language editing certificate was provided.*
- In the introduction, mention the situation in Europe instead of the USA, or both.  
*Epidemiology of liver transplantation for HCC in Europe has been added in introduction section.*