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To the
Editors of
World Journal of Hepatology

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Resubmission of ESPS Manuscript No.: 25723

**Liver Resections Can Be Performed Safely Without Pringle Maneuver:
A Prospective Cohort Study**

Dear Editors,

We like to thank you for the kind reviewing and for giving us the opportunity to submit a revised version of the above mentioned manuscript for publication in the *World Journal of Hepatology*.

Enclosed, you will find a point-to-point reply to the reviewers' and editor's comments.

The required documents have been uploaded. The study was approved by the ethical committee of Basel and Baseland (EKBB No. 188/13) being independent from the institution where the study has been performed. Since the first patients were registered in the prospective database in 2002, at a time when it was not necessary and not common to register studies at clinicaltrials.gov in Switzerland, we did not register the study. Thus, we are unable to offer such a registration document. You are certainly aware of the fact that a registration of already finished studies is not accepted at clinicaltrials.gov.

Sincerely,



Christoph A. Maurer

Point-to-point reply to the reviewers' and editor's comments

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Reviewer #1 :

The article by Dr. Christoph A. Maurer is an excellent job well presented.

Answer: Thank you.

I suggest Tables 1 and 4, they are divided into two tables each of them.

Answer: We considered to follow your suggestion but we feel that it is more appropriate not to divide Table 1 and 4 into four tables as Table 1 comprises the patients' characteristics and Table 4 shows the lab values. If you insist we can change this of course.

Reviewer #2:

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Answer: Done. The participants are not identifiable in the present study.

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