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To: Fang-Fang Ji,  
Science Editor, Editorial Office  
**Baishideng Publishing Group Inc**

**Re: Manuscript Revision**

Dear Editor,

We are pleased to submit our Letter to the Editor "*Robotic Liver Surgery Is The Optimal Approach As Bridge To Transplantation*" to be considered for publication in World Journal of Hepatology after our revision according to Reviewers' comments.

Reviewer 1:

- "*Minimally invasive approach to the liver deserves more direct indications that should be outlined in the BCLC model.*"

We thank the reviewer for reporting this quote of the manuscript, which is indeed the core-message of our work, and for his "classification" and "conclusion" comments.

Reviewer 2:

- "*The authors do not report the results of their series of robotic laparoscopic procedures (69 procedures have been performed. A total of 47 robotic liver procedures were ruled out, and among those 24 resection for HCC in cirrhotic patients) which might be interesting*".

Thank you for your interest in our results. However, we believe that the focus of this letter should be the work by Memeo and colleagues. Therefore, we decided the report just few more data to accomplish the Reviewer's suggestions without shifting the focus from the commented paper.

- *"I do think that the comment regarding the possible role of DAA on the risk of HCC should be avoided since the most recent literature do not confirm the previous observations."*

Thank you for commenting on that, we agree and deleted that comment since it may be confusing

All the revisions can be tracked in the document with the revision tool of Microsoft Office Word.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Paolo Magistri

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Magistri', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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