

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6480-review.doc).

Title: From portal to splanchnic venous thrombosis: What surgeons should bear in mind

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The manuscript 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 reviewers

- Reviewer 1: There are some typographical errors that should be corrected

Authors answer: an extensive review of the text was performed. A native English speaker largely revised it, removing all the typographical errors.

- Reviewer 2:

a) Many terms are not correctly used. For example, "solution" should be "technique". "This review aims to investigate" should be "This paper reviews". Page 3, "risk factors" are just risk factors, not the cause. So it is inappropriate to state "resulting from risk factors".

Authors answer: we modified the text according to the suggestions of the reviewer.

b) I highlight several sentences in the article where revision is needed. Most of them are grammatical errors. There are several unfinished sentences. Page 4 (? A tear) and page 6 (in what situation and why?)

Authors answer: we corrected the grammatical errors according to the suggestions of the reviewer.

c) Table 1, I am not sure why the authors listed in the way it is now. It is very confusing. The most common method to list references from the oldest reference to the latest one.

Authors answer: We modified the table according to reviewer's suggestion: only the most recent paper from each institution has been included in the table. For example, only the paper from Salvalaggi et al. (ref. 71) has been included, out of the 3 papers published by the Miami group (Tzakis, Pinna and Selvaggi, ref. 50, 57 and 71).

d) Do the authors have a permission to use other figures such as Fig. 3 and Fig. 5?

Authors answer: In all the cases, intraoperative pictures were obtained from the experience of Prof. Jan Lerut, one of the co-Authors: as a consequence, we retained no necessary to obtain a permission from him. We added in the caption of figures 3, 4 and 5 the following sentence: "Figures from the experience of Prof. Jan Lerut". In all the cases in which we adopted images modified from other articles, we clearly reported their origin in the caption, underlining the name of the Author and the reference. In all the cases, the figures were largely modified and integrated.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Q. Lai', with a horizontal line underneath.

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