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Prof. Peter Schemmer MD, F.A.C.S., Ph.D

Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Prof. Schemmer

We are pleased to re-submit for publication our review article titled: *“Global dissemination of minimally invasive living donor hepatectomy: what are the barriers?”*.

We are grateful to the editor and reviewer for providing insightful feedback on our study. We have carefully reviewed the recommendations and have revised our manuscript accordingly. Addressing each of their comments has certainly improved our manuscript. Detailed responses to the reviewers' comments are provided below.

Reviewer 1:

Comment 1: *“It is well written article related to MIDH..”*

Response:

Thank you so much for your comment.

Reviewer 2:

Comment 2: *“The authors reviewed the progress of MIDH. I have several questions about the manuscript. Firstly, in the segment of complication, the author should compare open DH with MIDH, rather than open LT. I do believe that the majority open DHs should not use a large bilateral subcostal incision. Secondly, the recipients' operation and consequences should be described in detail.”*

Response:

Thank you for your comment. In the segment of complications, we compare open DH with MIDH. Our 4th paragraph has been appropriately edited to reflect our focus on comparing open DH with MIDH, and not to open LT. You can see that all the details of

the complications segment, as well as the associated references give details for the comparison of open DH and MIDH.

Regarding the second part of your comment, we have added a new paragraph in the complications section focusing on the recipients' outcomes, describing such complications in detail.

Reviewer 3:

Comment 3: *"This is a very interesting review paper. It is well written and reaches nice conclusions. I suggest acceptance."*

Response:

Thank you so much for your comment.

Company Editor-in-chief:

Comment E.1: *"I recommend the manuscript to be published in the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery. Before final acceptance, when revising the manuscript, the author must supplement and improve the highlights of the latest cutting-edge research results, thereby further improving the content of the manuscript. To this end, authors are advised to apply a new tool, the Reference Citation Analysis (RCA). RCA is an artificial intelligence technology-based open multidisciplinary citation analysis database. In it, upon obtaining search results from the keywords entered by the author, "Impact Index Per Article" under "Ranked by" should be selected to find the latest highlight articles, which can then be used to further improve an article under preparation/peer-review/revision. Please visit our RCA database for more information at: <https://www.referencecitationanalysis.com/>."*

Response:

We appreciate the Company Editor-in-chief's comments. We applied the Reference Citation Analysis (RCA) tool as described above. We found all the latest highlighted articles related to our topic, and evaluated each new reference individually.

We hope that with these revisions, our work is felt appropriate to publish in *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery* and perceived as educational to the Journal's readership. Thank you again for inviting us to submit a revision our work to your journal. We would be pleased to answer any additional concerns or questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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