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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 2429-review.doc).

Title: Colorectal hepatic metastasis: Evolving therapies

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

Reviewer #1

Very well written article. Perhaps the authors should include a short section on the clinical significance and current thinking behind the future liver remnant and standardised liver volume.

The comments regarding future liver remnant were made in the discussion "Management of resectable disease".

Reviewer #2

This review is mainly managements and treatments of colorectal hepatic metastasis, and well-written. However, this paper has also a few problems. Therefore, I would recommend some revision before publication. 1. This review includes chemotherapy of colorectal hepatic metastasis, therefore, please describe frequency of adverse events more clearly (ie, %). 2. According to performance status of patient, treatments strategy please described. 3. To detect small metastasis, contrast MRI has clinical benefit. Please discuss in your text. 4. `Determination of strategy` and `chemotherapy` section are little confusion. Please add flow chart as Figure, and reduce words counts. 5. In my opinion, I almost accept this paper for publication to WJH.

We added further discussion regarding adverse events associated with chemotherapeutic agents. We reduced the word count to avoid confusion and refined treatment strategies.

Reviewer #3

In my opinion this is a very good review article that provides useful and practical information for clinicians and everybody in the staff involved with patients with this disease. It explores, in a very clear way, the most important options that nowadays are available for patients with metastatic disease associated with colorectal cancer, a pathology that is very common and frequently is detected in an advanced stage.

Thank you for your comments.

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

Sincerely,

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