Response to the reviewers:

To the Editor

We are very thankful for the opportunity to resubmit our manuscript. We are also extremely thankful for the thoughtful analysis of our work by the Editors and the Reviewers. With the important details brought up we have been able to add and we think that the manuscript has improved considerably. We have taken into consideration all the suggestions of the reviewers and incorporated these into the paper and added clinical information as well as more detailed information as requested.

Reviewer 1:

1. We agree with the reviewer and have changed the data in table 1 so it is presented as mean plus standard deviation for normally distributed variables, and median IQR for not normally distributed variables.

2. The number of individuals at risk at different time points have now been added to the Kaplan-Meier curves.

Reviewer 2:

1. Second review to examine inter-observer variability was not undertaken. This has been added to the methods section.

2. The range for median survival have now been added to the methods section.

3. We agree with the reviewer that the phrase starting with “we realize that..portal tracts” in the discussion part is confusing and can be omitted. We have now deleted it from the discussion.