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Object: MS: 1492676265125425 - Successful en bloc resection of recurrent hepatocellular carcinoma directly invading the abdominal wall: a case report. Dr Li Aijun et al.

Thank you for consideration of our manuscript for publication in your journal. We have reviewed the above manuscript according to your reviewer’s comments.

Reviewer # 1 (Dr Marinis)
1. Why did you perform initially resection of the two tumora with the addition of TACE?
   Because multiple liver tumors have high risk of intra-hepatic recurrence, such patients routinely receive TACE one month post operation.

Since the patient was Child A was there any contraindication for a left lobectomy?
1. No contraindication was found preoperative examination.

Do you believe that this minor initial procedure is responsible for recurrence? Please comment on this.
1. It has controversy if TACE would increase or reduce tumor recurrence in hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) patients after liver resection. According to our previous research results, TACE is beneficial for HCC patients with high risk factors of recurrence, such as portal vein tumor thrombus, multiple tumors, microscopic vascular invasion etc.

2. Authors should add the resected specimen (the photo on their response letter) were the abdominal wall en bloc with the liver lobe is seen.
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3. Please improve your language as best as possible.

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Reviewer # 1 (Dr Gamblin)
while interesting this report requires substantial grammatical correction?
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