Author’s response to reviews

Title: Prediction of Posthepatectomy Liver Failure Using Transient Elastography in Patients with Hepatitis B related Hepatocellular Carcinoma

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Dear Editor,

Our responses are as follows:

1. Summarizing statement in the methodology: consecutive hepatitis B virus-related hepatocellular carcinoma patients were enrolled in the study. Biochemical and clinical parameters were obtained from the patients before and after liver surgery, and also liver stiffness measurement were performed before the surgery. Univariate analysis and multivariate logistic regression analysis were performed to identify independent risk factors for postoperative liver failure, and a new algorithm (LSM-INR index) was established. the citation to the original paper: A new scoring system for assessment of liver function after successful hepatectomy in patients with hepatocellular carcinoma (Zheng-Gui Du, Bo Li, Yong-Gang Wei, Jie Yin, Xi Feng and Xi Chen) Prediction of postoperative hepatic insufficiency by liver stiffness measurement (FibroScan) before curative resection of hepatocellular carcinoma: a pilot study (Seung Up Kim Æ Sang Hoon Ahn Æ Jun Yong Park Æ Do Young Kim Chae Yoon Chon Æ Jin Sub Choi Æ Kyung Sik Kim Æ Kwang-Hyub Han)
2. We have added the information of Ethical Association to Ethics approval and consent to participate. (Page 8 Line 26)

3. According to your request has been changed Consent for publication and Ethics approval and consent to participate. (Page 9 Line 1)

5. We have provided figures under a separate heading of 'Figure Legends' after the References. (Page 15-17)

6. We have added email addresses for all authors on the title page

7. We also added Authors "Jia Guo" and “Yan Pan” listed in the "author contributions" section: (Page 9 Line 22)

8. The Tables have been provided after the References. (Page 12-15)

9. We have been amended the headings of the abstract and the manuscript in accordance to BMC Gastroenterology formatting.

10. A manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours has been uploaded.

Finally, thanks to your views.