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Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for reviewing our manuscript despite your busy schedule.

Title: Thrombomodulin in the management of acute cholangitis-induced disseminated intravascular coagulation

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers

(Reviewer 1)

In this study, the antibiotic should be used. However, there is not a mention about the antibiotic which I used. It is necessary to list it what kind of antibiotic you used.

→Thank you for your kind advice for improving the quality of our manuscript. In accordance with your advice, we have added detail of the antibiotics to the MATERIALS AND METHODS section and Table 2.

(Reviewer 2)

It's remain to understand the role of AT in this condition.

→Our present univariate analysis identified only the use of rTM as a factor contributing to successful DIC treatment, while AT was not identified as such a factor. As for our results, I consider that rTM is more effective than AT. However, further studies are needed to determine the usefulness of AT because the value of serum ATIII was not examined in this study. We could not solve the details of serum ATIII levels because of the property of retrospective study. We have added this description to the DISCUSSION section.

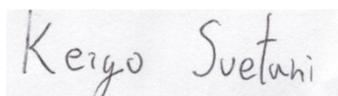
As a minor point, I would suggest a linguistic revision.

→In accordance with your suggestion, this manuscript was edited by the professional English language editing company (American Journal Experts). We send a recommendation letter.

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

Thank you again for reviewing our manuscripts. We trust that the revised manuscripts suitable for publication.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background, reading "Keigo Suetani".

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