

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (as revised main document)

Title: Retroanastomotic hernia after Moynihan type gastroenterostomy

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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 reviewer

We have reviewed all of the valuable comments made by the Reviewer and revised the manuscript accordingly. Revised text is written both in marked and unmarked forms (to understand which changes are made). In the marked form, all revisions (grammatical errors are revised by a native English speaker) were done in the text highlighted with yellow and deleted parts as red highlighted. Please do not hesitate to make any further change in the manuscript according to the requirements of the journal.

Reviewer comments and answers

Reviewer I

Matter of interest: it is an extremely interesting case report - Letter to the Editor, because it is a rare- life threatening complication, and there are only a few cases reported in the literature.

Language: grammatical and linguistic revision needs to be performed by English native speaker.

Answer: *grammatical errors are revised by a native English speaker*

Reviewer II

It is an interesting case. Few points need to be addressed.

1. It is mentioned "dirty fields in the right upper quadrant" -- not clear what the authors want to connote.

Answer: "dirty fields" is deleted and "dense fluid collection" is added in the sentence.

2. Did the patient have any evidence of perforation as suspected on CT? It is not clear.

Answer: Bowel thickness and dense fluid collection on the right upper quadrant have been explained as ulcer perforation.

3. There are many spelling mistakes and English needs to be corrected.

Answer: Spelling mistakes and grammatical errors are corrected.

4. References are quite old. Some new if there should be included

Answer: Two references are added in the text;

Ref 3. Faria G, Preto J, Oliveira M, Pimenta T, Baptista M, Costa-Maia J. Petersen's space hernia: A rare but expanding diagnosis. *Int J Surg Case Rep* 2011; 2: 141-143

Ref 4: Kojima K, Inokuchi M, Kato K, Motoyama K, Sugihara K. Petersen's hernia after laparoscopic distal gastrectomy with Roux-en-Y reconstruction for gastric cancer. *Gastric Cancer* 2014; 17: 146-151.

Reviewer III

The authors have written a letter to the editors on retroanastomotic herniation of small intestine after a subtotal gastrectomy 14 years ago. There are several issues with the manuscript which mandates major revision. There are several similar publications in the past related to the topic and this paper adds little to the existing body of knowledge. There are spelling mistakes at several places and the references are inadequate.

Answer: Spelling mistakes and grammatical errors are corrected. Two references are added in the text as mentioned above

3) References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,



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