

February 23, 2015

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 15819-review.doc).



Title: Risk factors for complications associated with upper gastrointestinal foreign bodies

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Name of Journal: *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

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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

(1) Referee 1

Comment 1: I would however like to see some more detail on the patients who went to surgery - what complication and what was done? What kind of objects were impacted and how long were they impacted etc. A table maybe?

➔ **Answer:** We appreciate your careful comment. To show more detail on the patients who went to surgery, we revised our manuscript by making a new table (Table 5), describing the cases of surgical intervention.

(2) Referee 2

Comment 1: The abstract was not summarized, especially 'method' section.

➔ **Answer:** We appreciate your careful comment. We summarized the abstract, especially 'method' section as you pointed out.

Comment 2: The state of impaction of foreign bodies is very important. But how do authors confirm the state of impaction. The definition of impaction of foreign is necessary. Many authors use the time of ingestion or the duration of foreign bodies in the esophagus.

➔ **Answer:** Reviewer's keen points were taken into consideration. We revised our manuscript by replacing 'duration of impaction above 12hr' to 'longer than 12 hours since

ingestion' in conclusion section of "Abstract". And we add a definition of foreign body ingestion at the first sentence in introduction. (Foreign body ingestion can be defined as materials swallowed accidentally or intentionally, or objects swallowed naturally when taking medication or food.)

Comment 3: In 'Result', The median age at diagnosis was 54.84 ± 18.03 (range, 10 89) years. ? The mean age at diagnosis was 54.8 ± 18.0 (range, 10 89) years. Females (105/194, 54.1%) outnumbered males. ? There were 105 (54.1%) females and 89 (45.9%) male patients. Clinical features of foreign bodies ? Characteristics and location of foreign bodies approximately 1 to 383 h ? approximately 1 to 383 hours. In 'Discussion', A 'normal' X-ray? normal finding in radiography.

➔ **Answer:** Reviewer's keen points were taken into consideration. We revised our manuscript as your comment. (The median age → the mean age, Females (105/194, 54.1%) outnumbered males. → There were 105 (54.1%) females and 89 (45.9%) male patients, Clinical features of foreign bodies → Characteristics and location of foreign bodies, approximately 1 to 383 h → approximately 1 to 383 hours, A 'normal' X-ray → normal finding in radiography)

Comment 4: The tables should be revised. Which group does 60 years old patient belong to, 'above 60' or 'below 60'

➔ **Answer:** Reviewer's keen points were taken into consideration. We revised our manuscript by replacing 'above' to ' >' and 'below' to ' ≤' in table 6.

Comment 5: The quality of language in the manuscript is not suitable for publication unless edited.

➔ **Answer:** We appreciate reviewer's keen and careful comments. Our manuscript has been checked by at least two professional editors, both native speakers of English and we added a certificate.

3. References and typesetting were corrected

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to reviewers for the valuable comments which made the improvement of our manuscript. I hope the revised manuscript will better meet the requirements of the 'World Journal of Gastroenterology' for publication. I thank you again for the constructive comments.

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

Sincerely yours,
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Comment 1: The authors cite relatively old references I suggest to cite the following newer references including one in the WJG20114: Endoscopic management of foreign bodies in the upper gastrointestinal tract: A review. Sugawa C, Ono H, Taleb M, Lucas CE. World J Gastrointest Endosc. 2014 Oct 16;6(10):475-81. doi: 10.4253/wjge.v6.i10.475. Review. Endoscopic foreign body removal in the upper gastrointestinal tract: risk factors predicting conversion to surgery. Lee HJ et al. Surg Endosc. 2015 Mar 25. [Epub ahead of print]

➔ **Answer:** We appreciate your careful comment. We added the references as your suggestion (reference 3 and reference 19)

Comment 2: The paper requires numerous linguistic corrections: e.g. Informed consent: This retrospective study was performed under IRB approval, all data is de-identified for statistical analysis. In this one sentence are 3 errors: retrospective; performed under IRB approval; all data is Data is plural Should be changed to: This retrospective study was approved by IRB, all data are de-identified.. @@@@ at two university hospital should be hospitals @@@@ Endoscopic data those were analyzed included duration of foreign should be: Endoscopic data that were analyzed and many more. The people who did linguistic corrections did not correct these errors.

➔ **Answer:** Reviewer's keen points were taken into consideration. We revised our manuscript as your comment. (This retrospective study was performed under IRB approval, all data is de-identified for statistical analysis -> This retrospective study was approved by IRB, all

data are de-identified for statistical analysis. at two university hospital in Korea -> at two university hospitals in Korea Endoscopic data those were analyzed -> Endoscopic data those were analyzed)

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