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RE: Manuscript# 27323- Eosinophilic Ascites: A Diagnostic and Therapeutic Challenge

Dear Dr. Ji,

We are delighted to see that our paper is of interest to the Editorial Board of the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery. We have taken into consideration the valuable comments of the reviewers and following is our response to their suggestions. Thank you for your considering our work for publication in your prestigious journal.

Reviewer code 00503601

We thank the reviewer for the comments. As eosinophilic gastroenteritis (EGE) is a rare condition, most publications are single patient reports with significant variation in the reported clinic-pathologic data rendering it difficult to evaluate these case reports in the context of a single study and draw meaningful or accurate conclusions. The scope of our manuscript is to report the typical findings in a case of eosinophilic ascites and review the literature as it pertains to recent advances and the current management strategy in EGE.

Reviewer code 0041858

We thank the reviewer for the comments. The Discussion reviews the three major subtypes of EGE and we have revised the Introduction to mention the potential lethality of EGE.

Reviewer code 00503929

We thank the reviewer for the comments. We understand that the results of the allergy tests did not substantiate an allergic etiology as suggested by a history of 'consumption of nuts and green tea' or 'recurrent allergic bronchitis' however, we consider this information to be relevant and have included it in the case report. The stool examination for parasites was performed as per the regional standard of care. The pathologist did not consider it necessary to perform an evaluation of the cells under 1000x magnification as the cytologic findings were confirmatory for presence of eosinophils.

Reviewer code 00735706

We thank the reviewer for the comments.

Sincerely,

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