

June 2, 2013

Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 3177-Review.doc).

Title: Pancreatic duct drainage using EUS-guided rendezvous technique for stenotic pancreaticojejunostomy

Author: Tetsuya Takikawa, Atsushi Kanno, Atsushi Masamune, Shin Hamada, Eriko Nakano, Shin Miura, Hiroyuki Ariga, Jun Unno, Kiyoshi Kume, Kazuhiro Kikuta, Morihisa Hirota, Hiroshi Yoshida, Yu Katayose, Michiaki Unno and Tooru Shimosegawa

Name of Journal: *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

ESPS Manuscript NO: 3177

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. The revision is highlighted with underlines in the text.

(1) As pointed out by the editor, we have revised the title as “Pancreatic duct drainage using EUS-guided rendezvous technique for stenotic pancreaticojejunostomy” and added “pancreaticoduodenectomy” in keywords part.

(2) As pointed out by the Reviewer 00504602, EUS-guided pancreaticogastrostomy was an option for the treatment of this case. EUS-guided pancreaticogastrostomy has the risk of stent dysfunctions such as obstruction and migration^[12], whereas the stenotic anastomosis dilated by balloon catheter has the small risk of restenosis^[4]. We therefore selected the balloon dilatation for stenotic pancreaticojejunostomy using rendezvous technique. This point is now stated in page 7, 2nd paragraph. We added a reference regarding

this point.

(3) We apologize for the ambiguous description. In our manuscript, the term “pancreatic stent” was used instead of the term “ERPD”.

(4) As suggested by the Reviewer 00505500, we have revised the first sentence of the abstract as “The patient was a 30-year-old female who had undergone excision of the extrahepatic bile duct and Roux-en-Y hepaticojejunostomy for congenital biliary dilatation at the age of 7”. This point is now stated in page 4.

(5) As suggested by the Reviewer 00505500, we have revised the core tips as “The usefulness of pancreatic duct drainage using EUS-guided rendezvous technique for stenotic pancreaticojejunostomy after pancreaticoduodenectomy. However, this procedure requires technical skill and the success rate is low”. This point is now stated in page 3.

(6) As suggested by the Reviewer 00505500, we have revised the first sentence of CASE REPORT as “The patient was a 30-year-old female who had undergone excision of the extrahepatic bile duct and Roux-en-Y hepaticojejunostomy for congenital biliary dilatation at the age of 7”. This point is now stated in page 4.

(7) As suggested by the Reviewer 00505500, we have changed IU/l to IU/L (the first sentence of CASE REPORT). This point is now stated in page 4.

(8) As suggested by the REVIEWER 00505500, we have divided the second sentence in Discussion into 2 sentences as follows: “The patients with stenotic pancreaticojejunostomy after PD tended to be treated with ERCP-related procedures. However, the success rates were not often high due to inability to reach or to identify the pancreaticojejunostomy through the afferent loop [3]”. This point is now stated in page 5 and 6.

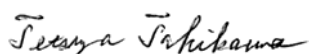
(9) We fully agree with the comment of the REVIEWER00039529 that longer-term follow-up is necessary. This point is now stated in page 6, 2nd paragraph.

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

4 We have our manuscript checked by a scientific editor of our university. Attached please find the certificate of English editing issued by the scientific editor.

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

Sincerely,



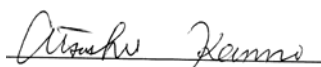
Tetsuya Takikawa, MD

Division of Gastroenterology, Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine,

1-1 Seiryō-machi, Aoba-ku, Sendai, Miyagi 980-8574, Japan

Telephone: +81-22-717-7171, Fax: +81-22-717-7177

E-mail: t-takikawa@med.tohoku.ac.jp



Atsushi Kanno, MD, PhD

Division of Gastroenterology, Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine,

1-1 Seiryō-machi, Aoba-ku, Sendai, Miyagi 980-8574, Japan

Telephone: +81-22-717-7171, Fax: +81-22-717-7177

E-mail: atsushih@med.tohoku.ac.jp



Atsushi Masamune, MD, PhD,

Editorial Board Member, *World Journal of Gastroenterology*,

Associate Professor, Division of Gastroenterology, Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine,

1-1 Seiryō-machi, Aoba-ku, Sendai, Miyagi 980-8574, Japan

Telephone: +81-22-717-7171, Fax: +81-22-717-7177

E-mail: amasamune@med.tohoku.ac.jp