

ANSWERING REVIEWER

July 27th, 2018

Dear Dr. Jin-Lei Wang

Thank you for your July 25th letter according to our manuscript entitled **“Safety of laparoscopic surgery in digestive diseases with special reference to antithrombotic therapy: A systematic review of the literature”** (Manuscript No. 40089).

I prepared herein our revised manuscript including figures. Our incorporation of the reviewer’s suggestion is as follows:

- 1) According to the reviewer’s suggestion, we modified the figure and the legend as follows; (Page 7, Line 18) “Using several recently updated guidelines concerning antithrombotics as references,^{26–30} recommended protocol of perioperative management for patients undergoing ATT in case of elective laparoscopic digestive surgery is currently used and shown in Figure 1 (and the indication of this protocol might be expanded to open digestive surgery and other invasive surgical procedures). The management generally consists of 3 ways according to types of ATT; APT, warfarin, and DOACs. In patients with thromboembolic risks, aspirin monotherapy is continued in patients with APT, and/or warfarin was substituted by heparin bridging 3-5 days before surgery. In case of DOACs, ATT is stopped 1-2 days before surgery (with some modification needed if decreased renal function exists); if the thromboembolic risk is very high, heparin bridging might be considered. Postoperatively, every antithrombotic agent is reinstituted as soon as possible (POD1-2).”

I believe the manuscript has been improved satisfactory and hope it will be accepted for publication in World Journal of Clinical Cases.

Sincerely,

Dr. Takahisa Fujikawa, M.D., Ph.D., FACS

Cover letters

September 18th, 2018

Dear Dr. Jin-Lei Wang

Thank you for your August 15th letter according to our manuscript entitled **“Safety of laparoscopic surgery in digestive diseases with special reference to antithrombotic therapy: A systematic review of the literature”** (Manuscript No. 40089).

I prepared herein our revised manuscript including figures. Our incorporation of the reviewer’s suggestion is as follows:

- 1) According to the reviewer’s suggestion, the manuscript has been reviewed for clarity and English correction by ManuscriptEdit(TM), one of the renowned biomedical editing company. We modified the whole sentences including abstract and main text and underlined the revised part of the sentences.
- 2) According to the reviewer’s suggestion, we changed “Aim” part of the abstract as follows; (Line 2 in ABSTRACT part) “AIM: The effect of antithrombotic therapy (ATT) on perioperative bleeding complications during laparoscopic surgery is still largely unclear. The aim of the current systematic review study was to elucidate the effect of ATT on bleeding and thromboembolic complications during or after laparoscopic digestive surgery.”
- 3) We added “Article Highlights” part and also added information about PMID and DOI in the REFERENCE part according to the editor’s indication.

I believe the manuscript has been improved satisfactory and hope it will be accepted for publication in World Journal of Clinical Cases.

Sincerely,

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