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Reviewer's country: Egypt

Science editor: Fang-Fang Ji

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

-The manuscript (Role of abnormal serum GGT in the diagnosis of asymptomatic choledocholithiasis secondary to cholecystolithiasis) is interesting but not novel and the title can be more appropriate if we replace (predicting the diagnosis) instead of diagnosis,



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as just elevation of GGT need confirmation by one of the radiological methods. -The exclusion criteria must include all other causes of elevated GGT as alcohol intoxication drug induced liver disease ,and ischemic heart diseases. The sensitivity and specificity of combined GGT and ALP can be calculated to be compared with the results

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In this study, Mei et al. investigated 'The diagnostic value of abnormal serum gamma-glutamyltransferase (GGT) level in asymptomatic choledocholithiasis secondary to cholecystolithiasis). The focus of the study is not unique. There



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are many studies in the current medical literature about new predictors of choledocholithiasis. Some issues raised; Major issues: 1- Some information about GGT should be added to Introduction and discussion parts. a) Introduction part (What is GGT?, Where do we use it? Some studies about GGT usage in different situations and choledocholithiasis..) b) Discussion part (Explain and discuss your hypothesis about GGT as a predictor of choledocholithiasis by adding data from studies in medical literature from medical text book chapters, I do not offer sentences starting with ' we believe... ') 2- Discussion part sentence starting with ' The procedure also has difficulties...' contains incorrect expressions about EUS. Please correct this sentences. Minor issues 1- The title of the manuscript should include more scientific terms like ' predictors of choledocholithiasis' 2- AIM: Before sentence starting with ' to investigate...' , adding a sentence about GGT and continue with we aimed to investigate...' would be better. Thank you very much for giving opportunity to review your study.

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