

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (Biliary complications after living donor liver transplantation. Manuscript #14489)

Title: Biliary Complications after Living Donor Liver Transplantation.

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Name of Journal: *World Journal of Hepatology.*

ESPS Manuscript NO: 14489.

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

Reviewer # 1:

(1) *I only recommend to include these suggested articles results in analysis and tables of the manuscript. 1-Donor complications among 500 living donor liver transplantations at a single center. Ozgor D, Dirican A, Ates M, G?n?ltas F, Ara C, Yilmaz S. Transplant Proc. 2012 Jul-Aug;44(6):1604-7. doi: 10.1016/j.transproceed.2012.04.002. 2- Hospitalization rates before and after adult-to-adult living donor or deceased donor liver transplantation. Merion RM, Shearon TH, Berg CL, Everhart JE, Abecassis MM, Shaked A, Fisher RA, Trotter JF, Brown RS Jr, Terrault NA, Hayashi PH, Hong JC; A2ALL Study Group. Ann Surg. 2010 Mar;251(3):542-9. doi: 10.1097/SLA.0b013e3181ccb370*

The reference by Ozgor D, Dirican A, Ates M, et al. Transplant Proc. 2012 Jul-Aug;44(6):1604-7. has been cited in the text in the section on Donor complications.

The reference by Merion RM, Shearon TH, Berg CL, et al.; A2ALL Study Group. Ann Surg. 2010 Mar;251(3):542-9 has been cited in the Introduction paragraph.

Reviewer # 2:

(1) *Clavien classification should be adequately explained and cited.*

The Clavien classification is explained and cited in Table 1.

(2) *A more clinical "cut" can be offered, in the sense of when these complications can be suspected (not only their diagnosis using gold standard techniques),*

A "clinical cut" of when biliary complications can be suspected is given in

(3) *A word on prevention of these strictures is warranted; should stents be placed preemptively? what is new in the field*

Preventive strategies for biliary complications are described separately.

(4) *the explanation of the biliary tree arterial irrigation is highly pertinent; I would encourage a*

diagram which illustrates this particular point, which I think readers would find very useful.
A diagram on biliary tree irrigation is included in Fig. 1.

Reviewer # 3:

- (1) *Without abstract &. Introduction is very short; it should present: ? background information that provide clarity to the subject of discussion (not only about living donor liver transplant, but more information about biliary complications in recipients and living donors after liver transplantation),*

An unstructured abstract has been added to the text.

Text has been added to the introduction paragraph, explaining the incidence of biliary complications after Orthotopic liver transplant in general.

- (2) *ANATOMICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN THE BILIARY TRACT Readers would find very useful for understanding anatomical consideration of biliary tree arterial irrigation pictures, diagrams or schemes*

A diagram showing the arterial supply of the biliary tree has been added.

- (3) *The morbidity classification of Clavien¹ designed for liver transplantation recipients and Broelsch et al² adaptation of Clavien classification for the living donor situation should be adequately explained and cited.* Clavien classification has been described and cited in the text.

- (4) *Recommended bibliography: Broelsch CE, Frilling A, Testa G, et al. Living donor liver transplantation in adults. Eur J Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2003;15:3– 6.*

Reference by Broelsch CE, Frilling A, Testa G, et al. L Eur J Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2003;15:3– 6 has been cited.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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Sincerely yours,