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ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format.

Title: Clinical Characteristics and Progression of Liver Abscess Caused by Toxocara

Authors: Kyung Ho Ha, Jung Eun Song, Byung Seok Kim, Chang Hyeong Lee

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Thank you for giving us an opportunity for revision.

All the comments by the reviewers have been read carefully and we have made corresponding changes to the paper (which are marked in red).

Reviewer 2 (02445854)

1. *This study is a retrospective one with several limitations, thus it should clearly be stated that the recommendations reported in the discussion are based on the literature data and not on the results of this study.*

The above point has been stated clearly as a limitation of our study.

Page 8, Discussion: 2nd paragraph

2. In the title it should be stated that this is also a review of the literature.

The above point has been added to the title.

Page 1, Title page: Title

3. Even though this is a retrospective study, the ethical committee approval should be obtained whereas the informed consent is waived.

We have obtained the ethical committee approval according to your recommendation.

In the title page, the above content has been cited.

Page 1, Title page: Institutional review board statement section

4. In M&M it is stated that : "We investigated patients who had a history of moderate or heavy alcohol consumption, raw meat or cow's liver ingestion, and owned pet dogs or cats". I take that only data regarding these patients were retrieved. Thus, the rate of patients who had a history of eating raw meat or liver and patients owning pet dogs or cats is biased by the search criteria. Please clarify. The same applies to rate of the patients who consumed alcohol.

I apologize for the mistranslation. I did not intend to take the only data regarding these patients were retrieved. The sentence has been corrected to avoid misinterpretations

Page 4, Methods: 4th line

Reviewer 3 (00071652)

1. Authors should detail the radiologic findings.

The radiologic findings have been added to results section.

Page 5, Results: 15-17th line

Reviewer 5 (02444960)

1. Authors should indicate in which Hospital patient's data were collected (methods section)

The name of the hospital in which patient's data were collected has been added.

Page 4, Methods: 3rd line

2. *The manuscript would be improved if tables 1&2 were cited in results section that would help to read and understand better the data presented.*

Tables 1&2 have been added in results section.

Page 5, Results section 1st, 2nd, 5th, 7th, 12-13th, 15th, 20th, 27th line

3. *Authors should correct a misspelling in Core tip section (“evluate” should change to “evaluate”).*

The word “evluate” has been chaged to “evaluate”.

Page 2, Core tip: 1st line

Additional modifications

1. Title page: Fax number has been amended.
2. Abstract (Page 2), Results section, 6th line: 44→4
3. Table 1 (Page 11): The content about “positive IgG of other parasites” has been deleted because it has not had any significance in this manuscript. .

The authors appreciate the reviewer’s comments. Revision based on these comments has improved the clarity and accuracy of our manuscript. We look forward to reading your response.

Sincerely yours,

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