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Dear Ze-Mao Gong,

Science Editor, Editorial Office

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Re: ALTA Sclerotherapy for Goligher Grades II and III Hemorrhoids: Results from a Multicenter Study (Number ID: 25613)

Enclosed please find the revised manuscript Number 25613 entitled " ALTA Sclerotherapy for Goligher Grades II and III Hemorrhoids: Results from a Multicenter Study ", by Hidenori Miyamoto, et al., which we wish to submit for publication in **World Journal of Hepatology**.

According to the reviewers' suggestions, the manuscript has been revised carefully and checked by a native English speaker. All changes in the revised manuscript are highlighted in red font. Attached please find point-by-point response to the reviewers' comments. We feel that introduced changes strengthen the manuscript.

Thank you for your kind considerations in advance on our manuscript and I look forward to hearing a positive reply from you.

Sincerely yours

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Revised points:

For comments on reviewer #00042390:

Thank you for the time taken to review our work.

1. **For comments on ‘mistake “Patients were discharged with oral analgesia (Ibuprofen or acetaminophen) at three (3) days post operation”’**

I mistook this sentence ‘Patients were discharged with oral analgesia at three days post operation’. I corrected ‘Patients took oral analgesia at three days post operation’. (Page 8 Line 7-8)

2. **For comments on ‘Comparisons should be done between similar procedure first and then with other methods of mucosal fixation’**

I changed ‘and are also effective for the prolapse and bleeding of internal hemorrhoids early after injection’. (Page 9 Line 4-5)

3. **For comments on ‘How good is ALTA compared with Phenol in Almond or Olive Oil or with Polidocanol?’**

The effect of ALTA sclerotherapy continues over 5 years. ALTA could cure internal hemorrhoids. Nowadays ALTA sclerotherapy is first choice for Goligher II and III hemorrhoids in Japan.

4. **For comments on ‘The author does not specify how and which local anesthetic used. Also does not mention the concentration of ALTA solution’**

0.5% Lidocaine 10ml was injected around sphincter muscle. The concentration of ALTA solution is set by, Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Corporation, Osaka, Japan.
(Page 7 Line 20-22)

5. **For comments on ‘the author should be clear in letting the reader know the exact failure rate for the procedure’**

I added sentence summarized below in Page 10 Line 3-7.

	1-year	2-year	3-year	4-year	5-year
Goligher 2	4.1%	6.2%	10.7%	10.7%	10.7%
Goligher 3	6.9%	10.4%	16.3%	21.8%	21.8%

For comments on Reviewer #00477066:

Thank you for the time taken to review our work.

- 1. For comments on 'Conclusion should be more cautious. Being an observational study any definitive conclusion cannot be posed. Further comparative study with conventional treatment are needed'**

I think the need of further comparative study, too. But our data was meaningful data that the effect of ALTA for grade III hemorrhoids was no way inferior to that for grade II. ALTA is effective sclerosant for grade III. I add this sentence 'However, additional studies are needed to evaluate the efficacy of this ALTA sclerotherapy in the management of hemorrhoidal disease'.

(Page 4 Line 21-23 and Page 12 Line 24 – Page 13 Line 2)

- 2. For comments on 'Figure 1 is not very useful. Other images should be included to describe the procedure'**

I canceled figure 1. I described precisely the procedure in my published article, reference 7).

- 3. For comments on 'Discussion is too short'.**

I added one paragraph. (Page 12 Line 12-20)

- 4. For comment on 'A review of current knowledge of haemorrhoidal surgery should be included in the discussion section'**

I summarized in table 3.

For comments on Reviewer #01560036:

Thank you for the time taken to review our work.

- 1. For comment on 'To my mind you can add in Discussion a couple of sentences about angiographic arterial embolization of hemorrhoids'.**

I added one paragraph about embolization. (Page 12 Line 12-20)