

To
The editor in chief
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Sub: Edited version after peer-review process

Respected sir

At the outset, let me extend my gratitude for your kind consideration of our article for publication in your prestigious journal. We have made all the changes as suggested by the reviewers. A certificate of language editing by a company recommended by your journal has also been obtained.

Article details :

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Column: Review

Title: Biliary strictures complicating Living Donor Liver Transplantation(LDLT): Problems, novel insights and solutions

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Reviewer code: 00053958, 00054048, and 00054371

Here are the details of the changes made in accordance to the suggestions by the reviewers :

Reviewer ID : 00054371

1. Flowchart showing the authors' recommended diagnostic and treatment strategies for biliary strictures after LDLT – The same has been provided as figure 1
2. There are a lot of improper capitalization in this manuscript. They should be corrected – Has been corrected and verified by a language editing service as recommended by the journal.
3. In Table 1, there is no need for showing decimals in the column of biliary stricture – Has been changed accordingly
4. In the chapter titled "Diagnostic challenges," the definition of "functionally significant obstruction" should be explicitly stated – Has been defined and inserted in the section mentioned as follows : critical obstruction at the anastomotic site that

results in a clinically significant impedance to bile flow, evidenced by clinical symptoms and biochemical alterations of cholestasis.

Reviewer ID : 00054048

1. Would recommend anyway an accurate revision of English language – The manuscript has been edited by a language editing service as recommended by the journal.

Reviewer ID : 00053958

1. Page 8. The authors talk about 'reserving liver biopsy only for cases where a stricture is highly likely;. Surely, a liver biopsy is really done to exclude other causes of biochemical abnormalities such as rejection rather than strictures – The sentence has been changed as follows – 'reserved for cases with a high degree of suspicion for rejection'
2. They mention a HIDA scan as an excellent test for bile leaks but they do not use a reference for this – the appropriate reference has been inserted and cited as per journal recommendations
3. Can the authors give some more details on how they use the ratio of prox duct diameter/recipient duct diameter – The definition of FSO and method of calculation has been provided. In addition the management algorithm practised in the centre for biliary strictures post LDLT has been provided as figure 1.
4. On page 13, they described unpublished data from Tokyo- how were these data obtained by them? Was it persona communication or from a presentation/abstract? – The data was mentioned in a review article by Tsujino et al and has been referenced accordingly.

I hope these changes are satisfactory. Please let me know if there are any other edits required. Again I would like to thank you for your kind consideration of our article.

Thanking you

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