

Dear Prof. Wang,

Thank you for your e-mail of 12-07-2018. Here are my responses to the reviewers' comments.

Reviewer 1 (02527808)

Comment :

-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, as just elevation of GGT need confirmation by one of the radiological methods.

Response: The title has been updated.

-The exclusion criteria must include all other causes of elevated GGT as alcohol intoxication drug induced liver disease ,and ischemic heart diseases.

Response: Revised and added it to the main text.

The sensitivity and specificity of combined GGT and ALP can be calculated to be compared with the results

Response: Revised and added it to the results

Reviewer 2 (03253490)

Comment :

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..)

Response: Revised and added it to the main text.

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... ')

Response: Revised and added it to the main text.

2-Discussion part sentence starting with ' The procedure also has difficulties... ' contains incorrect expressions about EUS. Please correct these sentences .

Response: Revised in the main text.

Minor issues

1-The title of the manuscript should include more scientific terms like ' predictors of choledocholithiasis '

Response: Revised

2-AIM: Before sentence starting with ' to investigate... ' , adding a sentence about GGT and continue with ' we aimed to investigate... ' would be better.

Response: Revised