

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: revised-4851.doc).

Title: Diagnosis and management of choledochal cyst: 20 years of single center experience

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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

- (1) Reviewer 1 said (1 What is VSD, please give a full name? 2. Figure 2, it is unclear need add more words to explain what is A and B as well as their names. 3. Figure 4, need to show what is A, B as well as white arrow?)

Thanks for your valuable comments. These three points had been corrected in the revised manuscript.

- (2) Reviewer 2 said (However there is no new contribution to medical knowledge of this disease.)

Thanks for your revision. To our knowledge, this research provides the first report on choledochal cyst disease, a disease that shows significant geographical distribution, from one of the largest populations in Africa and Middle East. This helps to assess the local prevalence of such a rare disease and it may be useful for referencing purpose.

(3) Reviewer 3 said (The author make a general analysis on the clinical data, but lack of some important information such as the comparison between the pediatric and adult different.)

Thanks for your valuable and beneficial comments. This idea is the core of a coming comparative study between our center and another pediatric surgery referral center in the same locality. We intend to submit it to the World Journal of Gastroenterology soon. Also the presence of referral bias is one of the limitations of such a study within our center as stated in the discussion.

(4) Reviewer 3 also said (Furthermore, the disease incidence is different in Asian countries and Africa or Middle East region, the author needs to compare them on age, sex ratio, clinical characteristics and so on. That would be more meaningful.)

Thanks for your valuable idea. We added a table comparing our study to different Asian countries regarding age, sex ratio, clinical characters and classification.

(5) Reviewer 3 also said (References were relatively old, lack of references of the recent 3 years).

Thanks for your comment. We have two references from 2011 (reference 2 and 18). We also used the references that serve the idea and will be valuable for the reader trying to use the most recent literature.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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