

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5211-review.doc).

Title: Diagnostic value of contrast enhanced ultrasound for splenic artery complications following acute pancreatitis

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 The Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) The tables and figures have been improved and the presentation style has also been changed in the manuscript.

(2) According to the reviewer's comments why our investigation did not use the new classification of Petrov et al (Determinant-based classification of acute pancreatitis severity: an international multidisciplinary consultation. *Ann Surg* 2012, 256:875-880). There were two reasons why we used the old classification of acute pancreatitis severity.

Reason 1. We started doing this research since 2010. By that time we still have to follow the old classification for AP severity.

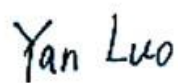
Reason 2. The clinical doctors were more accustomed to differentiating the acute pancreatitis by the old classification. Clinical doctors needed some time to be familiar with

the new classification which was established in 2012. By the time of our study, we focused our research in confirming the diagnostic value of spleen CEUS in SACs following AP. SACs occurrence is related to the degree of AP severity so by that time we did not pay our attention in classification. In future, we will utilize the new classification in our subsequent research.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yan Luo". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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