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Dear Jin-Lei Wang,

Manuscript NO.: 83686 entitled "Rectal prolapse in a 30-year-old bladder stone male patient: An unusual case" which I submitted to *World Journal of Clinical Cases*, has been revised. The manuscript has been proofread via Home for Researchers editorial team ([www.home-for-researchers.com](http://www.home-for-researchers.com)).

We wish to thank the reviewers for taking the time and care to read our paper and to make valuable criticisms and suggestions. We have very carefully addressed all comments and suggested changes made by the reviewers. Specific responses have been made to each comment and the changes made in the revised paper are summarized hereunder.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Reviewer #1:

**Scientific Quality:** Grade C (Good)

**Language Quality:** Grade B (Minor language polishing)

**Conclusion:** Minor revision

**Specific Comments to Authors:** It is also likely that the rectal prolapse and bladder stone could have been two separate pathologies. The patient had cerebral palsy and could have been prone to chronic constipation as an underlying risk for rectal prolapse. In the manuscript, you need to postulate the scientific relationship between bladder stones and rectal prolapse.

**Response:** *Many thanks for pointing out the insufficiency in our manuscript.* The outcome of the disease is often not caused by a single factor, so it is necessary to consider whether there is an interaction between the pathogenic factors when studying the pathogenic mechanism. We strongly agree with this point that the patient had cerebral palsy and could have been prone to chronic constipation as an underlying risk for rectal prolapse. So we modified the Discussion accordingly and added the point that the reviewer suggests.

Additionally, the manuscript has been polished by an English language editing company.

Reviewer #2:

**Scientific Quality:** Grade C (Good)

**Language Quality:** Grade B (Minor language polishing)

**Conclusion:** Minor revision

**Specific Comments to Authors:** dear Authors, thanks for the opportunity to review your paper. Herebelow my comments: you speculate about the role of a big bladder stone as a promoter of complete rectal prolapse. This hypothesis is conceivable although impossible to prove. therefore, please add other hypothesis. For example the association may be merely coincidental (cannot be excluded). Alternatively, the prolapsed rectum, pulling the floor of the bladder may have caused chronic, incomplete bladder emptying favouring urine residue and stone formation. In young males with large rectal prolapse urinary/sexual disturbances are not rarely reported.

**Response:** *We value the reviewer's kind suggestion.* We think a big bladder stone as a promoter of complete rectal prolapse. We strongly agree with your point that the prolapsed rectum, pulling the floor of the bladder may have caused chronic, incomplete bladder emptying favoring urine residue and stone formation. They affect each other, leading to a vicious circle. So we modified the Discussion accordingly and added the point that the reviewer suggests. Additionally, the manuscript has been polished by an English language editing company.

Best regards,

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