

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Clinical Cases

Manuscript NO: 40034

Title: Diagnostic value of elevated serum carbohydrate antigen 199 level in acute cholangitis secondary to choledocholithiasis

Reviewer's code: 02541859

Reviewer's country: United States

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer's expertise on the
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not	language polishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision	topic of the manuscript:
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			Conflicts-of-Interest:
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			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a nice study. I have some suggestions. 1. In the introduction, 9th sentence: instead of minimally invasive surgery, it should be ERCP. 2. Tokyo criteria of acute cholangitis should be mentioned either in introduction or discussion. 3. I do not see any



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mention of WBC count 4. Was there any follow up of ca19-9 level after treatment of acute cholangitis.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for giving me an opportunity of the peer review. My comments and questions are as follows. It has been known that blood CA19-9 levels elevate with acute cholangitis. When is the timing of measurement of blood CA19-9 since the onset of acute



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cholangitis? In this study, please describe the severity of acute cholangitis in the Tokyo Guidelines (TG18). Is there a relation between blood CA19-9 levels and severity of cholangitis? As a clinical factor for cholangitis, please conduct multivariate analysis including CA19-9 and other inflammatory markers such as CRP.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Accepted with minor modification State how many of the patients had hepatolithiasis. The cases analyzed had gallstones cholecystitis or gallbladder stones. Did any patients in follow up had cholangiocarcinoma and/or other epithelial neoplasm?



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The study presents a clinical relevance; The authors reported that Abnormally elevated serum CA19-9 level has an important value in the diagnosis of acute cholangitis secondary to choledocholithiasis. This constitutes a inflammatory marker for



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acute cholangitis. The test seems rapid is worthy is worthy to be applied in clinical settings. The authors must discuss in Section Discussion (one or two sentences) the reel benefit in complications stage. I suggest a minor revision

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