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Dear Editors and Reviewers,

Thank you and reviewers for a thorough review of our manuscript entitled “**Usefulness of Ultrasonography to Assess the Response to Steroidal Therapy for the Rare Case of Type 2b Immunoglobulin G4-related Sclerosing Cholangitis without Pancreatitis: A Case Report and a Literature Review**” (Manuscript No.: 59321) by Yuto Tanaka and myself. The thoughtful comments from the reviewers are greatly appreciated. In preparing for revision, we have carefully studied reviewers’ comments and incorporated many of their suggestions into the revised manuscript. For your convenience, we have marked our changes in blue in the revised manuscript. We hope this revised manuscript is now acceptable for publication in *World Journal of Clinical Cases*. **The provided ID for this invited case report is (00188507).**

We declare that this work is original, the manuscript is not under consideration by other journals, and the material has not been previously published. All authors contributed significantly on this study and approved the contents submitted.

Thank you for your time and effort in reviewing our work. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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Dear Editor and Reviewers,

Thank you for a thorough review of our work and your thoughtful comments and suggestions are greatly appreciated. In preparing the revision, we have carefully studied your comments and incorporated your suggestions into the revised manuscript. The following are our point-to-point responses to your comments/concerns. For your convenience, we have typed the changes in the manuscript in blue.

Editor

1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a case report of the usefulness of ultrasonography to assess the response to steroidal therapy for the rare case of type 2b immunoglobulin G4-related sclerosing cholangitis without pancreatitis. The topic is within the scope of the WJG. (1) Classification: Grade B and Grade C; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The manuscript coded 59321 is an interesting article. In this manuscript, the authors report a rare case of isolated IgG4-SC, The experiences presented in the manuscript is useful to improve the readers' clinical practice. The questions raised by the reviewers should be answered; and (3) Format: There are 3 tables and 3 figures. A total of 28 references are cited, including 11 references published in the last 3 years. There are no self-citations. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade A and Grade B. A language editing certificate issued by Enago was provided. 3 Academic norms and rules: The authors provided the written informed consent. No academic misconduct was found in the CrossCheck detection and Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. No financial support was obtained for the study. The topic has not previously been published in the WJG. 5 Issues raised: (1) The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor; (2) PMID and DOI numbers are missing in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout; and (3) The "Case Presentation" section was not written according to the Guidelines for Manuscript Preparation. Please re-write the "Case Presentation" section, and add the "FINAL DIAGNOSIS", "TREATMENT", and "OUTCOME AND FOLLOW-UP" sections to the main text, according to the Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision. 6 Re-Review: Not required. 7 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

Response: We appreciate you and reviewers for recognizing the significance of our work and suggestive comments. We have modified the Case Presentation section according to your suggestions and added the original informed consent file.

Reviewer #1

The manuscript coded 59321 is an interesting article. In this manuscript, the authors report a rare case of isolated IgG4-SC, The experiences presented in the manuscript is useful to improve the readers' clinical practice, so I agree to publish it. Questions and comments: According to the requirements of the World Journal of Gastroenterology, please list the names of all authors in the references and the PMID numbers of the documents, as follows: Gao Z, Wang J, Wang Z, Meng Q. Florid reactive periostitis of the metacarpal and phalanx: 2 case reports. J Hand Surg Am 2013; 38: 2134-2137 [PMID: 24206975].

Response: We are grateful to this reviewer for recognizing the significance of our work and suggestive comments. We have modified the reference list as suggested. Thank you again for your thorough review of our manuscript and the insightful suggestions.

Reviewer #2

Review comments on the article "Usefulness of Ultrasonography to Assess the Response to Steroidal Therapy for the Rare Case of Type 2b Immunoglobulin G4-related Sclerosing Cholangitis without Pancreatitis: A Case Report and a Literature Review" 1. This paper reported a rare elderly and asymptomatic case of type 2b, isolated IgG4-SC who was differentially diagnosed from primary sclerosing cholangitis by liver biopsy. The results also showed the usage of ultrasonography for the

assessment of the response to steroidal therapy on the changes of bile duct wall thickness. 2. Discussion The case showed a good clinical course with the doses, and a decrease in serum IgG4, biliary enzymes, and wall thickness of the bile duct (Figure 3). However, the research of this paper is not in-depth enough and lacks further analysis on the different thickness of bile duct in the discussion. Please combined with other types of cholangitis related research and supplement the possible relationship between the thickness of bile duct and the response to steroidal therapy in isolated IgG4-SC of Type 2b patients. Conclusion: the article has certain research significance, feasibility, and clear logic, no obvious errors. The manuscript could be acceptable for publication after appropriate revision.

Response: We are grateful to this reviewer for recognizing the significance of our work and suggestive comments. We have modified the description in Discussion and added the reference to show the efficacy of steroid compared to the other types of cholangitis. Thank you again for your thorough review of our manuscript and the insightful suggestions.

Thank you again for your time and effort in reviewing our paper.

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