

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8144-review.doc).

Title: Choledochoduodenal fistula caused by migration of endo-clip after laparoscopic cholecystectomy

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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 01201777

- 1) In the Abstract, line 3, "While the exact pathogenesis still unknown" should be changed to "While the exact pathogenesis IS still unknown".

It has been corrected.

- 2) The authors mentioned that choledochoduodenal fistula could be potentially avoided by the use of absorbable endo-clips or ultrasonic dissection without clipping, do you think it is suitable to manage the cystic duct stump besides the vessels?

Yes, it is.

- 3) Do you think intra-corporeal suture ligation of cystic duct before dissection is another solution?

Yes.

- 4) Please provide an intra-operative image of the lesion and adjacent tissue.

It is very sorry, we did not have the intra-operative image of the lesion and adjacent tissue.

(2) Reviewer 02822880

- 1) This is an interesting case report given a likely rare set of circumstances that led to this complication. However I do not believe that based upon this one complication that likely resulted from improper clip application, use of absorbable endo-clips or ultrasonic dissection can be recommended which may result in a high frequency of complications.

I agree with you that your view is right.

- 2) The paper does need spelling and language corrections- such as "complotation rate" in the introduction paragraph.

It has been revised.

(3) Reviewer 00042764

- 1) This case report is interesting because its own rarity. Something more is requested, in discussion, about the pathophysiology concerning the involvement of duodenum in developing the choledocoduodenal fistula following the position of endo-clip as well as a discussion on other therapeutic options.

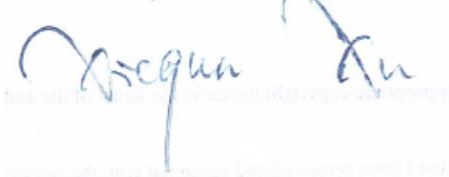
The pathophysiology of choledocoduodenal fistula after laparoscopic cholecystectomy was discussed in the part of discussion. Because of the choledocoduodenal fistula,

other noninvasive therapeutic options may be not successful to manage the fistula and reconstruct the biliary tract and repair the defect in the duodenum

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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