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Title: Contrast-enhanced ultrasound in portal venous system aneurysms: A multi-center study

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

Editor.

Q: The title page carries the title, the authors, the authors' affiliations, and footnotes. Title: The title must be informative, specific, and brief (Title should be no more than 10~12 words/60 bytes. Please revise it). Words should be chosen carefully for retrieval purposes. All nonfunctional words should be deleted, such as 'the', 'studies on', 'observations of', and 'roles of', etc. The title should not include acronyms.

A: We have modified the title, reducing the number of words to 12.

Q: Please provide the postal code.

A: We have provided postal codes for all authors, as requested.

Q: Please provide the author contributions. Authors must indicate their specific contributions to the published work. This information will be published as a footnote to the paper. See the format in the attachment file-revision policies.

A: We have provided author contributions, as requested.

Q: AIM (no more than 20 words): Only the purpose should be included. Please write the aim as the form of "To investigate/study/..."

A: We have changed the aim of the study with the style suggested, reducing words to 20.

Q: Please reformat all the reference numbers like this one (superscript with square brackets). Please check throughout. Normal line space is required. Thank you!

Please add PubMed citation numbers and DOI citation to the reference list and list all authors. Please revise throughout. For those references that have not been indexed by PubMed, a printed copy of the first page of the full reference should be submitted. At least 26 references should be included.

A: We have reformatted the references numbers in the text, as requested (superscript with square brackets and without blank space before ref. and words). We have also added PubMed and DOI citations to the reference list, listing all authors, and increased the numbers of references, as requested.

Q: COMMENTS Please provide the "Highlighted contents" here, which is a necessary content.

A: We have provided the "highlighted contents" section, as requested.

Q: Please use uniform legends for the same subjects. For example: Figure 1 Total title. A: ...; B: ...; C: ...; D: ...; E: ...; F: ...; G: ...etc.

A: We have used uniform legends for the figures.

Reviewer 1.

Q: The paper needs the following corrections: TITLE 1."multi-centre" should be "multi-center". ABSTRACT Material and methods 1."In this multi-centre" should be "In this multi-center". 2."PVSA, that" should be "PVSA that". MATERIALS and METHODS 1."In this multi-centre" should be "In this multi-center". 2."PVSA, that" should be "PVSA that". 3."All patient had a asingle portal" should be "All patients had asingle portal". DISCUSSION 1."An unique case of a giant" should be "A unique case of a giant". 2."Because of the rarity of the disease, a multi-centre study" should be "Because of the rarity of the disease, a multi-center study". REFERENCES 4. space missing- "2012;33:33-59" should be "2012; 33:33-59". 11."Li T1" should be "Li T". 15. space missing- "2003;28:675-677" should be "2003; 28:675-7". 22. space missing- "2005;24(7):1027-30" should be "2005; 24(7):1027-30".

A: We have made all changes regarding spelling errors, as requested.

Q: INTRODUCTION 1.Please specify what would be the clinical relevance of an incidentally found portal venous system aneurysm: could be suggestive of an underlying disease which requires specific treatment or could be an indication for treatment to avoid future complications like bleeding, thrombosis, etc?

A We specified that the finding of a PVSA is important to choose an appropriate treatment in complicated cases or to follow-up asymptomatic ones over time. Furthermore, an incidental PVSA could be suggestive of an underlying disease that may require specific therapy.

Reviewer 2.

Q Abstract: I think you will write conclusion for the discussion.

A We have changed the term "discussion" with "conclusion", as requested.

Q Introduction: you should give more explanation about the benefits of using Contrast enhanced ultrasound. There are some many researches to talk about the using of CEUS for example: evaluation portal blood flow by CEUS, the value of CEUS for focal liver lesion.

A We have given more information regarding the benefits of using CEUS in clinical practice, after a brief description of clinical applications and indications of this novel technique.

Q Material Methods: please write the time of the study.

A We have written time of the study (2007-2013), as requested.

Q In discussion, I think you had better to explore the correlation of clinical data with the results of CEUS Findings. In discussion, you write: "To the best of our knowledge, however, no CEUS pattern has so far been described in the literature". Please explain more about this, because many data

mention about using CEUS for hepatobiliary and portal vein problem.

A We have correlated clinical data with the results with CEUS findings, and specified that no CEUS patterns have so far been described for portal venous system aneurysms, while descriptions have been reported only for non-aneurysmal portal veins.

Thank you again for publication our manuscript in your prestigious Journal. We hope that our revision will be considered satisfactory and remain at your disposal for any further information you may require.

Sincerely yours,



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