

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 15513-review.doc).

Title: Evaluation of liver stiffness measurement by Fibroscan as compared to liver biopsy for assessment of liver fibrosis in children with biliary atresia.

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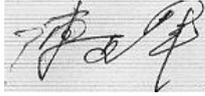
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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. Format has been updated.
2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers
 - (1) We have added running title, authors' information and contribution, summary and comments.
 - (2) The statistical methods of this study were not reviewed by any biostatistics editor.
 - (3) In the materials and methods part, the first paragraph, the sentence has been changed to: *The Japanese Society of Pediatric Surgery divided biliary atresia into three types. Type I, atresia of the common bile duct; type II, atresia of the hepatic duct; and type III, atresia of the porta hepatis. It was found that all the patients under study were type III BA.*
 - (4) It has not been expressed clearly in the original manuscript and we have changed the sentence to: *the sample size in both studies were relatively small.* We mean the relatively small sample size may affect both of the studies.
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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