

Resubmission of revised Manuscript 27756

Dear Editor,

We appreciate the opportunity to resubmit our manuscript “Ansa pancreatica as a predisposing factor for recurrent acute pancreatitis.” We would like to express my gratitude for the editor and reviewers for their critiques and revision recommendations. We have followed the editor’s comment and revised some sentences.

I hope that our revised manuscript is suitable for publication.

Sincerely yours,

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Reviewer 1

No changes suggested

Reviewer 2

Comment: We have to be aware that the results should not be generalized on the whole population, since the study was performed on basis of Asian (mostly Japanese) population only, which should be better emphasized.

Response to the comment:

In accordance with the reviewer's recommendation, We have revised the text in Discussion section (page 15, paragraph 3) as:

The major limitations of the present study are as follows. First, the ability of MRCP to assess ductal anatomy might be imperfect. However, MRCP is the only pancreaticobiliary imaging method that can be used in healthy subjects and was therefore essential to ensure the procedures were comparable in this case-control study. Second, the subjects enrolled in this study were Asian: almost all subjects were Japanese. Therefore, careful consideration is needed in generalizing this result to the whole population.