

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 10037-review.doc).

**Title: Lymphoepithelial cysts and Cystic Lymphangiomas: Under-recognized Benign Cystic Lesions of the Pancreas**

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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

Reviewed by 00054524

Dear Authors, Konstantinidis et al reviewed 12 Lymphoepithelial cysts and Cystic Lymphangiomas. The paper should be better written also including patient survival rate, complications and its follow-up. There is no mention of table 1 etc... and figure 1 etc... in the main text. The discussion is poor and should be compared with literature review since it is a small sample.

Thank you for your comments. The suggested changes were made. The paragraph "surgical treatment and outcome" includes the morbidity and mortality, follow-up and survival for this series. All tables and figures were appropriately referred to the text and a new paragraph was added to the discussion comparing with the literature.

Reviewed by 00504406

This is a retrospective study regarding lymphoepithelial cysts or cystic lymphangiomas in 12 patients. This is a very uncommon pancreatic pathology and the paper carries a significant number of patients. However, the exact diagnosis did not result in avoidance of surgery (11/12 patients). Thus it is not easy at all to make a definite decision when approaching such lesions. The authors should also comment on the symptomatic patients: did their symptoms disappear after surgery?

Thank you for your comments. We agree that a definite decision is not easy to be made. However, as we mention in our discussion the correct diagnosis of these lesions is important as it allows an initial

non-operative approach and surgery performed electively if symptoms appear or new worrisome imaging findings appear.

We added in the paragraph “surgical treatment and outcome” that the patients remain asymptomatic postoperatively.

Reviewed by 00068052

1. References should be formatted according to the style required by the journal. 2 To strength the paper,the authors should review the available literatures on the clinicopathologic characteristics of lymphoepithelial cysts and cystic lymphangiomas of pancreas.

Thank you for your comments. We added a paragraph on the clinicopathologic characteristics of lymphoepithelial cysts and cystic lymphangiomas of the pancreas in the discussion and formatted the references.

References and typesetting were corrected

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

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