Author's response to reviews

**Title:** Santorinicle without pancreas divisum pathophysiology: Initial clinical and radiographical investigations

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Dear Dr. Shipley

Thank you very much for your letter of March 15th, 2013, regarding our manuscript entitled, “Santorinicele without pancreas divisum pathophysiology: Initial clinical and radiographical investigations”, authored by Gono et al. We greatly appreciate the comments and suggestions for revision provided by the referees.

Please find attached files including this letter and our revised manuscript. We have revised the manuscript based on the suggestions made by the referees. Revised sentences in the manuscript are underlined. Below, we provide specific responses to the reviewer’s comments (reviewer’s comments are indicated in italic and our responses are in roman letters, and the only request for revision is underlined).

**Reviewers' comments:**

**Reviewer #1: Reviewer's report:**

*Discretionary Revisions*

Santorinicele is a rare condition, so many physician who is not major in biliary-pancreatologhy do not what it is. This article is valuable to provide accurate knowledge to them. So it is desirable that the authors include more images or illustrations in the article to make readers easily understand about Santorinicele.

*Level of interest:* An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

*Quality of written English:* Acceptable

*Statistical review:* No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

*Declaration of competing interests:* I declare that I have no competing interests.

According to the comment, we added illustrations of the pancreatic ductal variations mentioned in the article to promote readers’ understanding: A figure was inserted as Figure 1 and the other figure number was renamed.

**Reviewer #2: Reviewer's report:**

Authors investigated the prevalence of Santorinicele without pancreas divisum pathophysiology (SWOPP) and its clinical and radiographical features comparing to those of Santorinicele with pancreas divisum (SWPD). They concluded that they reported the 2nd to 6th cases of SWOPP and revealed that it is quite a rare condition. They also showed that SWOPP is often found in elderly patients suffering from chronic pancreatitis and referred to the possibility of its acquired pathology. They examined all the MR studies of as many as 4940 subjects. Their effort was very great and their new finding was novel and interesting.

*Major Essential Revisions:* None.
Minor Essential Revisions: None.
Discretionary Revisions: None.
Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field
Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.
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Reviewer #2 did not request any revision.

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We agreed to the message and we consulted an English scientific editing service (Stallard Scientific Editing) and our article was emended. Many changes were made on our English (including the title: “radiographical” was changed into “radiographic”) but we confirmed that the context is not changed.

We believe that the revised manuscript has been improved by incorporating the helpful comments of the reviewer, and we appreciate the valuable input. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is any further remediation that you need at this time.

Yours sincerely,

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