Author's response to reviews

Title: Late Presentation of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia after a Diagnostic Laparoscopic Surgery (a case report)

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Dear Editor,

Many thanks for considering to publish our case report. We have gone through the reviewers' comments in detail and have provided point-to-point response as below.

Referee 1

Comment 1: This case report is suitable for publication after revision of grammar and proof reading.
Change 1: The authors have revised and proofread the article again. All grammatical errors have been corrected

Referee 2

Comment 1: The assumption is of a Morgagni hernia although the position was described as anterolateral-the true Morgagni is more medially placed.
Response 1: The position of the CDH in our patient (left antero-lateral) is quite interesting, as it does not fit in with any of the previous classification of congenital diaphragmatic hernia. We agree with the reviewer that the best-fit category would be the Morgagni hernia.

Comment 2: Was there a history of trauma?
Response 2: There was no history of trauma, which makes the case more interesting.

Comment 3: There is a typo (‘of her initial’) on p8 but it otherwise reads well.
Response 3: The authors apologize for the typo. It has been corrected

Comment 4: Comparison with the ref 6 would help-it appears to contradict their conclusion as to uniqueness of the case.
Response 4: The case report in Reference 6 shows a unique patient who suffered from diaphragmatic hernia after a laparoscopic cholecystectomy. Interestingly, the patient refused to have further treatment and survived. Our
case demonstrates a similar uniqueness as our patient also suffered from a diaphragmatic hernia following a laparoscopic surgery. It was confirmed to be a strangulated hernia through a congenital hernia defect intra-operatively. Therefore, the patient would have been unlikely to survive if the strangulated hernia was left untreated. We believe our patient is the first reported case of strangulated hernia through a congenital diaphragmatic defect following a laparoscopic surgery.

Comment 5: The review in Postgraduate Med J 2005 (81:41-44) suggests 8% of CDH present in young age group.

Response 5: The authors agree with this comment as 8% from Loong et al in above journal is consistent with 5-30% quoted in our Reference 3 paper (Singh S et al.)

Regards
The Authors