Author's response to reviews

Title: Pancreatitis with an unusual fatal complication. The risks of Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangio-Pancreaticography: a case report

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To the Editor of the Journal of Clinical Case Reports
Michael Kid

Dear editor,

We herewith we resubmit the revised version of our paper: Pancreatitis with an unusual complication. The risk: A case report.

We thank both reviewers for their criticisms and shall comment on each of them separately.

Reviewer Muslim Atiq
This reviewer has not remarks.

Reviewer Andres Gelrud
The day the fatal complication occurred is now included in the abstract.

More than 15 years has been deleted. ERCP was introduced in 1979 together with the first papillotomy. We could not find a suitable reference that states at what time the procedure became standard for bile duct stones.

right upper part has been changed in right upper quadrant

The specified laboratory data prior to ERCP are now included.

The diameter of the common bile duct is included.

We changed the a small macroscopically normal papilla according to the suggestion of the reviewer.

We always perform a CT-scan with IV contrast in order to detect necrosis.

The final complication occurred acutely, there was no time to do specific
investigation for detecting pulmonary embolism.

The percentage of 24% was cited from reference 1. This is now included.

The reference has now been included.

A stated in the history the CT was done with contrast enhancement. We use a multi-slicer with very thin slices. Both CT scan were studied very meticulously, and also in retrospect no necrosis was seen. The last CT scan was made 7 days before death.

We hope the revisions are complete and the paper now meets the criteria used for publication. In addition, we hope the final decision will take lesser time than the initial review process. (the paper was submitted in July 2007 for the first time!)

Yours sincerely

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