Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Sir:

Thank you for sending me the editor and reviewer’s comments on the manuscript (No. BPE2D1-D-16-00385R1) entitled “Number of cholangitis episodes as a prognostic marker to predict timing of liver transplantation in biliary atresia patients after Kasai portoenterostomy” My colleagues and I have carefully revised the manuscript by incorporating the comments into the resubmission. Please find attached the revised manuscript and an itemized list of our responses to all of the comments/suggestions from the reviewers. All changes made to the manuscript have been heightened in yellow in the revised manuscript. We hope that the revised manuscript is now acceptable for publication in BMC Pediatrics.
Should there be any future correspondences concerning this resubmission, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you again for your kindly help and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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Point-to-point response to the editor and reviewer’s comments

Thank you for your comments on the manuscript. My colleagues and I have carefully revised the manuscript by incorporating your comments into the resubmission. Please find attached the revised manuscript and our responses to all of your comments/suggestions below. All changes made to the revised manuscript have been heightened in yellow.

Editor Comments:

In addition to addressing the referee comment blow, please check the formatting of your manuscript against our submission guidelines at: https://bmcpediatr.biomedcentral.com/submission-guidelines/preparing-your-manuscript/research-article

Response: The manuscript was checked thoroughly to meet the journal style.
Please check all main section headings are as outlined.

Response: All main section headings are checked as the journal format.

Please also indicate if consent to participate was needed or if this was waived (e.g. because this was a retrospective database, as appropriate). Please also add to the ethics section if any permission was required/obtained to access the data used.

Response: The information was added in the ethics section.

Please add email addresses for all authors on the title page.

Response: The information was added on the title page.

Reviewer #1:

- lines 193-194: "...although the findings of one other study..." = I would suggest being more specific as to the particular findings that the authors are referring to, or to just remove that phrase all together.

Response: Thank you for the comment. The sentence has been removed in the revised manuscript (lines 192-193).

- lines 212-213: This sentence is speculation - should add, "We would speculate that a greater number of cholangitis episodes..."

Response: Thank you for the advice. The sentence has been corrected in the revised manuscript (line 211).