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Dear Dr. Uchida,

Thank you again for your attention and the reviewer’s evaluation and comments on our paper “Perioperative Effects of Caudal Block on Pediatric Patients in Laparoscopic Upper Urinary Tract Surgery”. The valuable comments helped us improve the manuscript a lot.

We have revised the manuscript according to your kind advices and reviewer’s detailed suggestions. Enclosed please find the responses to the reviewers. We sincerely hope this manuscript will be finally acceptable to be published on BMC pediatrics.

Thank you again for all your help and looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards
Please find the following Response to the comments of referees:

Response to the comments of Dr. Kendigelen

1. Hydrophilic (morphine) additive can be a much better option than lipophilic (fentanyl) additive, if you want to raise the block level. Fentanyl may be good option for lumber or thoracoacral epidural block. Reply: Thank you for this kind advice Dr. Kendigelen. We will try morphine additive next time.

2. I don't like propofol pain but when I think risk of adrenal suppression is it worth taking this risk? Pentothal may be other option.

Reply: It is true that etomidate may cause adrenal suppression. Some of my colleagues give lidocaine intravenously to prevent propofol injection pain, it works well on some of the patients. Maybe next time I will give lidocaine before propofol injection. Pentothal is not available in our department.

3. I recommend that you can remove succinylcholine in your routine practice.

Reply: Yes, it is definitely true that succinylcholine may cause disaster to the patients. I will use mivacurium for short duration surgery.

Thank you for this kind advice.

Response to the comments of Dr. Gong

1. The only concern that I have is that "perspective" should be corrected to "prospective". Reply: Thank you for pointing out this negligence. We have corrected it. (background Section, line 46, page 4).