Author's response to reviews

Title: Simplified Technique of Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy in a Situs Inversus Patient: A Case Report and Review of Techniques

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Dear Editor,

Re: Manuscript reference No.2332777891447357

Please find attached a revised version of our manuscript entitled “Simplified Technique of Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy in a Patient with Situs Inversus: A Case Report and Review of Techniques,” which we would like to resubmit for publication as a case report in BMC Surgery.

The reviewers’ comments were highly insightful and enabled us to greatly improve the quality of our manuscript. We have revised the text in accordance with these comments; revisions are shown using yellow highlight for additions.

In accordance with reviewer Anatolii Skums’ suggestion, we have removed the sentence “The port, which is generally placed at the left mid-clavicular line, was intentionally placed slightly downward, 5-cm below costal margin.” We have revised the text and added the following sentence to lines 95 to 97: “The dissecting port, which is usually placed at the left midclavicular line just below the costal margin, was placed more caudally (5 cm below the costal margin).”

In accordance with reviewer Oleg Symonov’s suggestion, we have added detail to Figures 1, 2, and 3. The legends of these figures were also revised. Additional text was inserted for discussion to lines 157-166 and 169-178 (yellow
highlighted). According to our hospital’s database, our case is the first patient with situs inversus who underwent laparoscopic cholecystectomy. Informed consent was obtained from the patient prior the use of any data and figures in this study.

We hope that the revisions in the manuscript and our accompanying responses will be sufficient to make our manuscript suitable for publication in BMC Surgery.

Please find the consent form attached to this email.

We shall look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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