Author’s response to reviews

Title: Treatment of Urinary Calculi After Yang-Monti Ileal Ureter Reconstruction: A Case Report

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Response Letter

Dear Editors:

Thank you very much for your letter and advice. We have revised the manuscript and would like to re-submit it for your consideration. We have addressed the comments raised by the reviewers, and the amendments are highlighted in red in the revised manuscript. Our point-by-point responses to the reviewers’ comments are listed below this letter.

This manuscript has been edited and proofread by Angela Morben, DVM, ELS, from Liwen Bianji, Edanz Editing China (www.liwenbianji.cn/ac).

We hope that the revised version of the manuscript is now acceptable for publication in your journal. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Sun Zhaolin and Luo Guangheng
We would like to express our sincere thanks to the reviewers for the constructive and positive comments.

Replies to Reviewer 1

Yasser Noureldin (Reviewer 1):

The title should be modified to "Treatment of Urinary Calculi after Yang-Monti Ileal Ureter Reconstruction: Case Report"

Reply: We have changed the title to "Treatment of Urinary Calculi After Yang-Monti Ileal Ureter Reconstruction: A Case Report"

- The key words contain non-mesh terms

Reply: We have revised the key words to ensure that all are MeSH terms.

- The abstract is poorly written and should be re-written from the beginning. For example the sentence "To explore the safety and effectiveness of ureteroscopy combined with ureteroscopy in the treatment of the ipsilateral lower ureteral calculi and the lower ureteral calculi after Yang-Monti ileum ureteroscopy" is not a complete sentence.

Reply: We have thoroughly revised the abstract.

- It is not clear what was the patient complaining of

Reply: We have revised the text as follows:“…the patient developed left lumbar pain and discomfort” (page 3, paragraph 3)

- In the background section, I think the following sentence "The treatment of such stones is more difficult and less experienced" should be re-written in another way
- The conclusion section should be modified into "It seems like Ureteroscopy combined with laser is a valuable option for management of urinary calculi following Yang-Monti ileal ureteral reconstruction".

Reply: We have revised the text as advised.

Replies to Reviewer 2

Stephan Seklehner (Reviewer 2):

x) Abstract: The following sentence makes no sense…

'to explore the safety and effectiveness of ureteroscopy combined with ureteroscopy in the treatment of the ipsilateral lower ureteral calculi and the lower ureteral calculi after Yang-Monti ileum ureteroscopy'

Reply: We have revised this sentence.

x) Background:

'The treatment of such stones is more difficult and less experienced' Why/how do the authors draw that conclusion? From my experience I would not underline that sentence. Is there any literature proving/supporting their assumption?

Reply: We have revised the sentence for clarity.

x) Cases presentation

The authors state that the patient had a 2-year history of ureteral stenosis and that he had undergone multiple surgeries. What was the reason for the stenosis? And what kind of treatment has he undergone? The authors should provide more background information.

Reply: We have added more details to the patient’s background information.
x) 'Urinary CT showed that the left kidney had a slightly smaller volume than the right, and the left renal pelvis and renal calices were slightly expanded and nephrydrotic.'

I guess the authors mean 'hydronephrotic' and not 'nephrydrotic'…

Reply: We have corrected this error.

x) The authors state 'Postoperatively, routine prophylactic antibiotics were administered (…)'. As far as I know from current guidelines provided by the AUA and the EAU, no postoperative routine antibiotics are requested (in absence of infection). Btw, there is not such a thing as 'postoperative prophylaxis'. That makes no sense at all. Antibiotic prophylaxis means that you administer antibiotics prior to surgery to avoid post-OP infections. The authors should clarify that.

Reply: We have revised the text as follows: “Because a preoperative urine culture had revealed a urinary tract infection, antibiotics were administered postoperatively.”

x) 'Using intraoperative ureteroscopic guidance, a 5 Fr ureteral catheter was placed after the surgery was completed. This ureteral catheter is easy to remove, and reduces the pain associated with repeat surgery and rebuilding of the ureter.'

If they authors believe that ureteral catheters reduce pain associated with subsequent surgeries and rebuilding (whatever they mean with 'rebuilding'), then they add references. Reply: We have changed “ureteral catheter” to “double-J stent.” These words are inappropriate. We have deleted this sentence. 'This ureteral catheter is easy to remove, and reduces the pain associated with repeat surgery and rebuilding of the ureter.'

x). The authors should boost their discussion, the current version contains only 1 reference…

Reply: We have cited additional studies in the Discussion section.
Replies to Reviewer 3

Eyüp Burak Sancak (Reviewer 3):

1. Please check grammatically your manuscript. Language needs to be corrected and it should be more scientific. May be native speaker of English will good command on English language should look at it and edit, correct it.

Reply: We have revised the English and grammar in the manuscript.

2. Lower renal calyx calculi or subrenal calyx calculi, please use lower calyceal calculi.

Reply: We have revised the text accordingly.

3. In the abstract section, please correct the following sentence: 'To explore the safety and effectiveness of ureteroscopy combined with ureteroscopy in the treatment of the ipsilateral lower ureteral calculi and the lower ureteral calculi after Yang-Monti ileum ureteroscopy'.

Reply: We have corrected this sentence.

4. Please correct the following sentence: 'The left renal pelvis and renal calices were slightly expanded and nephrydrotic'.

Reply: We have corrected this sentence.

5. Please explain abbreviations in the first place where you use.

Reply: We have defined all abbreviations at their first use.

6. Please correct the following sentence: 'This ureteral catheter is easy to remove, and reduces the pain associated with repeat surgery and rebuilding of the ureter.'

Reply: These words are inappropriate. We have deleted this sentence.
7. Please give reference for following sentence: 'In the present case, the absorbable suture in the lower ileal ureteral segment from the previous ureteral reconstruction had not degraded or fallen off, and so became the matrix or core for calculi formation; the long-term contact with urine meant that the urinary salt was continuously deposited to form calculi.'

Reply: We have added a reference citation.

8. Please explain this technique more simply and understandably. 'As the suture moves due to the action of the perfusate, the suture must be fixed with a basket extractor to create a certain tension and thus prevent the suture from moving; this improves the success rate of removal, and reduces the risk of ileal ureteral injury.'

Reply: We have revised the text for clarity. These words are inappropriate. We have deleted this sentence. 'This improves the success rate of removal, and reduces the risk of ileal ureteral injury.'

9. Please correct 'electronic flexible ureteroscope' as 'Digital Flexible Ureteroscope'

Reply: We have revised the text as indicated.

10. Please correct 'Urinary CT' as 'Noncontrast computed tomography (NCCT)

Reply: We have revised the text as indicated.

11. Please specify the CT image images of the stones properly, and give reference.

Reply: We have clarified the images as follows: “(shown with arrow).”

12. Figure 7 should be demonstrated at high magnification with high resolution.

Reply: The picture was intercepted from the video. If the picture is reduced in size, it will become clearer. We made many attempts to clarify the picture by reducing it to a reasonable size for the manuscript. If necessary, we will send the video of the operation to you via e-mail.