Author’s response to reviews

Title: Prostatic utricles without external genital anomalies in children: our experience, literature review, and pooling analysis

Authors:

Bo Liu (lbcqmu@126.com)
Dawei He (daweihecqmu@126.com;400116@hospital.cqmu.edu.cn)
Deying Zhang (Deyingzhang@126.com)
Xing Liu (532241283@qq.com)
Tao Lin (278094965@qq.com)
Guanghui Wei (u806806@cqmu.edu.cn)

Version: 2 Date: 18 Mar 2019

Author’s response to reviews:

Dear Jing Zhang:

Thank you very much for your interest and the comments on our manuscript (manuscript tracking number: BURO-D-19-00047R1) entitled “Prostatic utricles without external genital anomalies in children: our experience, literature review, and pooling analysis” We have addressed editor’s comments on a point-by-point basis below and have made the appropriate revisions to the manuscript.

Reviewer#2’s comments as below:
The topic is of interest, although not new in the literature. Study is well conducted, manuscript accurately drafted. tables are informative, pictures nice.

Just couple of minors:
- The Authors wrote about disease grading (Grade II and III) but there is a lack of a proper grading presentation: it should be included either in Introduction or Discussion.
Response: Thank you for your help with our article. According to your valuable suggestion, we include a grading presentation in introduction (Introduction section, line 15, page 4).
- A comparison with main guidelines could be included, with an highlight about "standard of care": when surgery and when not exactly? which surgery according to different pictures exactly? The topics have already been debated in the manuscript but they could be furtherly investigated including comparison with guidelines and proper quotation/reference accordingly.
Response: Thank you for your considerable advice. We treated 2 of our patient with endoscopic utricle catheterization and aspiration. The reason for choosing this option was because the symptoms of the child were first seen, and also to avoid impotency and infertility caused by surgery. There was no recurrence by the adequate drainage of the wide mouthed diverticulum into the urethra. We also have successfully applied laparoscopic techniques to a child with recurrent symptoms. However, because our own cases are few (only 3) and the quality of the cases from the literature is uneven, we cannot further “standardize” the treatment. Your suggestion is very good and will be very helpful for our future research.

- At the beginning of a sentence, please use "word instead of number" (e.g. "Two" instead of "2").
Response: Thank you for your suggestion. We have made the corresponding changes (Results section, line 9-10, page 6).

Editor Comments:

-------Please also address other minor points as below:

1. Textual overlap
We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.2164/jandrol.108.005496. This overlap mainly exists in the Discussion section. While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work. Please re-phrase these sections to minimise overlap.
Response: I am sorry for our negligence, we have re-phrased the overlap in the Discussion (Discussion section, line 30-33, page 8).

2. Figures
Please note figures should be numbered in the order they are first mentioned in the text, and uploaded in this order. Please therefore cite the Figure 2 before the Figure 3 in the main text of this manuscript.
Response: Thank you for your suggestion. We have made the corresponding changes (Results section, line 40-44, page 5)

We appreciate for Dr. Joseph and Dr. Daniele for your helpful suggestion on the quality improvement of our present paper, and hope that the correction will meet with approval. If there is any question on our paper, please notify us and we will try our best to revise it. Thank you once again for your comments and suggestions. We look forward to your feedback.

Best regards,

Dr. Bo Liu
Department of Urology, Children’s Hospital of Chongqing Medical University, Chongqing 400014, China