Author’s response to reviews

Title: Contralateral ovarian endometrioma recurrence after unilateral salpingo-oophorectomy

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Prof. Pasquale De Franciscis
Dear Prof. Franciscis:

We sincerely appreciate the important suggestions made by you and the reviewers, which have improved our manuscript.

Please find attached the revised version of our manuscript entitled “Contralateral ovarian endometrioma recurrence after unilateral salpingo-oophorectomy”. You may find below a description of the changes made to the manuscript and our responses to the reviewers in a point-by-point manner.

We greatly appreciate editors and reviewers for acknowledging the importance of this paper. We genuinely hope that the revised version of our paper is now suitable for publication in BMC Women’s Health.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Akmal El-Mazny (Reviewer #1)

We appreciated the reviewer for the suggestions that have helped us to improve the readability of our manuscript. We revised manuscript according to the reviewers’ suggestion.

#1 The authors should emphasize the gap of knowledge about postoperative recurrence in the Introduction.

Response

We appreciate the reviewer for his recommendation. We changed manuscript as follows in line 77-79. “However, there are no reports on the disease recurrence rate after USO for unilateral endometrioma. Therefore, we investigated the rate of and risk factors for disease recurrence after USO for unilateral ovarian endometrioma. To our knowledge, this is the first report on the recurrence rate and risk factors associated with recurrence after USO.”

#2 The authors should describe the inclusion and exclusion criteria.

Response

We appreciate the reviewer for his recommendation. We added the sentences in line 87 – 90, as follows. “The inclusion criteria were: age between 35 and 45 years, and preoperative magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)-confirmed unilateral ovarian endometrioma. The exclusion criteria were: the presence of bilateral endometriomas at study enrollment, previous unilateral or bilateral oophorectomy, and pathological diagnosis of malignancy.”

#3 The authors should remove the duplication in the text.

Response

We removed the duplication from the text in Results in line 142-161 (the section of Patient and case characteristics). We appreciated the reviewer for suggestion.

#4 The authors should state the clinical implication in Discussion.

Response
We appreciate the reviewer to give us a beneficial recommendation. We added the sentence in the section of Conclusion. “Thus, clinicians should be aware of the recurrence of endometriosis, even after USO, especially if contralateral adhesions are present.”

#5 The authors should stick to the format of References.

We corrected References according to the format.

#6 The authors should revise spelling, grammar, and format.

We revised and corrected our manuscript and sent it to the English editing company (Editage: https://www.editage.jp). We think our manuscript improved. We think our manuscript improved in the grammar and format.

Dr. Ahmed A Nassr (Reviewer #2)

We appreciated the reviewer to review our paper. Thank you.