

Author's response to reviews

Title: A decade of experience with injuries to the gallbladder

Authors:

Chad G Ball (ball.chad@gmail.com)
Elijah Dixon (Elijah.Dixon@albertahealthservices.ca)
Andrew W Kirkpatrick (Andrew.Kirkpatrick@CalgaryHealthRegion.ca)
Francis R Sutherland (Francis.Sutherland@CalgaryHealthRegion.ca)
Kevin B Laupland (Kevin.Laupland@albertahealthservices.ca)
David V Feliciano (dfelic@emory.edu)

Version: 3 **Date:** 27 March 2010

Author's response to reviews:

Dear Drs. Ekkernkamp and Stengeldirk,

Thank-you so much for your additional requests regarding our manuscript "A Decade of Experience with Injuries to the Gallbladder". We have attempted to address each of your comments with corresponding edits (highlighted in yellow).

More specifically:

1. We have added the requested table outlining each of the mentioned variables (Table 1)(Page 12). We have also made reference to this table within the Results section in the 2 most appropriate locations.
2. Thank-you. We have added the SDs and ranges where appropriate within the Results section text (Page 5).
3. The incidence of gallbladder injuries was consistent across the study interval. We have added this to the Results section (page 5, Lines 4-5).
4. We have added the specific details of the gallbladder injury diagnoses to the Results section (Page 5, Lines 11-14). The vast majority of injuries were detected intraoperatively during abdominal exploration.
5. We have added each of the specific operative procedures for patients within the study cohort in the Results section (Page 6, Lines 2-9). The specific abdominal injuries can now be located in the new Table 1.
6. Thank-you. We have added the specific complications to the Results section (Page 6, Lines 17-22).
7. Our review was approved by the IRB. We have added this to the methods section (Page 4, Line 7).

Thank-you so much again for your assistance in improving our manuscript. We look forward to working with you towards publication.

Sincerely,

Chad Ball, on behalf of all co-authors