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Reply to letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the authors, I thank the reader for his deep interest and scholarly analysis of the article and in addition providing a well researched addendum. This letter aims to address the issues raised in his communication.

1. The introductory sentence in the article 'Liver abscesses are relatively uncommon' quoted from Meakins JL and Phillips-Hughes J in their chapter,¹ is of a general nature and merely implies that amongst all liver disorders, abscesses are not high on the list. It is not specific to either PLA or ALA and is not to be compared with demographics.
2. The incidence of jaundice in both PLA and ALA can be as high as 25% as mentioned respectively by D'Angelica and Fong,² and Farthing et al.³
3. The indication for various types of therapy has been given in the respective paragraphs in a concise manner, though we agree that these could have been listed chronologically for the sake of clarity.
4. Details of reference 26 are rectified to read as below:

Ref 26. Anees A, Khan MA, Zea MC, Pervez A, Khalid M. Amoebic liver abscess: the evolving concept of management.

Internet J Tr Med. 2008;5(1) (about 3 pages). Available from: <http://www.ispub.com:80/journal/the-internet-journal-of-tropical-medicine/vol.5-no.1/amoebic-liver-the-evolving-concept-of-management/html> Accessed 30.11.11.

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