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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (13909-review.doc).

Title: EUS guided biliary and pancreatic duct interventions

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The manuscript has been improved according as follows:

1. The format of the citations has been updated as requested.
2. We have re-written the first sentence in view of the Cross-check results. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.
3. Revision has been made according to the following suggestions by the reviewers:

Reviewer 01047575

- a. Some spelling mistakes is present in the manuscript, such as “UES” in the abstract. In addition, some abbreviations should be explained in the first presence.
 - These have been corrected.
- b. “No trials have compared EUS-guided intervention to surgery but based on historical data the complication rates of ESCP are lower” Did you search the related databases comprehensively?
 - We have repeated our searches using PUBMED, EMBASE and Google Scholar for any publications regarding a comparative trial of interventional EUS and surgery. We are unable to find any publications on this topic. If the reviewer is aware of such a publication, we would be happy to include it in our review.
- c. In some place, the author just listed related data, but did not further explain the reasons. Such as the part of “Procedure Related Complications”, the authors should summarize the data and analyze the reasons, and then propose some methods to reduce the complications, which is more helpful in clinical practice.
 - We have altered the section regarding biliary “procedure related complications” to reflect the suggestions of the reviewer.

Reviewer 02729532

- a. Good article. However, some polishing in the formatting, justifying etc can be done.

We have reformatted as per the request of the editors.

Reviewer 00008652

- a. While the manuscript provided a comprehensive literature review of the various aspects of endoscopic guided procedures to assist biliary and pancreatic access and drainage, it should emphasize the procedures are still at the upslope of the evolutionary curve, and not recommended for widespread adoption. The manuscript can also be improved by adding some words on the training aspects and competency level of the operators.
 - We have incorporated these concerns in the conclusions section of the manuscript. These changes are highlighted (13909-review.doc).

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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