

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

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Title: Is endoscopic large balloon dilatation without endoscopic sphincterotomy effective ?

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Answer to reviewers

We wish to express our strong appreciation to the reviewers for their insightful comments on our paper. We feel the comments have helped us significantly improve the paper. We answer your comments.

Comment 1

Please provide the city and the postal code. Thank you.

Response:

Thank you very much. I add the city and postal code.

Comment 2

Family name should be put first in full, followed by middle names and first name in abbreviation with first letter in capital.

Response:

Thank you very much. I revise family name that be put the first in full.

Shigefumi Omuta→Omuta Shigefumi

Iruru Maetani→Maetani Iruru

Michihiro Saito→Saito Michihiro

Hiroaki Shigoka→Shigoka Hiroaki,

Katsushige Gon→Gon Katsushige

Junya Tokuhisa→Tokuhisa Junya

Mieko Naruki→Naruki Mieko

Comment 3

Please provide the professional title of the corresponding author, such as PhD, MD, *etc.*

Response:

Thank you very much. I revise **Dr.** Iruru Maetani PhD, MD.

Comment 4

Please write the aim as the form of “To investigate/study/ ...

Response:

Thank you very much. I revise below the sentence

Optimal approaches to sphincteroplasty of endoscopic papillary large balloon dilatation (EPLBD) remain controversial. We evaluated sphincteroplasty in EPLBD.

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To evaluate endoscopic papillary large balloon dilatation (EPLBD) without endoscopic sphincterotomy, we conducted the prospective study.

Comment 5

RESULTS should be no less than 120 words. You should present *P* value where necessary and must provide relevant data to illustrate how it is obtained, e.g. 2 wk: 0.199 ± 0.026 µg/mg pr *vs* 0.285 ± 0.041 µg/mg pr, $P < 0.001$

Response:

Thank you very much. I revise below the sentence

The mean diameter of the distal/ maximum common bile duct was 13.5 ± 2.4 mm / 16.4 ± 3.1 mm. The

mean maximum transvers-diameter of stones was 13.4 \pm 3.4 mm, and the mean number of stones was 3.0 \pm 2.4. Complete stone removal was achieved in 97.5% (40/41) of cases, and ML was used in 12.2% (5/41) of cases. The mean number of sessions required was 1.4 \pm 0.59. Pancreatitis developed in two patients and perforation in one. The rate of waist disappearance was 73.1% (30/41). No significant differences were noted in procedure time-rate of complete stone removal (100% vs 100%), number of sessions (1.3 vs 1.5, $P=0.22$), application of ML (13% vs 9% $P=0.71$), or occurrence of pancreatitis (3.3% vs 9.1%, $P=0.45$) between cases with and without waist disappearance.

It is 117 words. Please confirm.

Comment 6

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Response:

Thank you very much. I revise the blank space in all sentence.

Comment 7

Please provide the comments from peer reviewers that most represent the characteristics, values and significance of the article, and allow the readers to have an objective point of view toward the article.

Response:

Thank you very much. I add below the sentence

In this paper, the Authors investigated the efficacy and safety of endoscopic papillary large balloon dilatation (EPLBD) without endoscopic sphincterotomy (EST). The topic of this study is interesting. However, there have several serious concerns in this study. It is difficult to lead any conclusion in such a single arm study with small sample size.

Comment 7

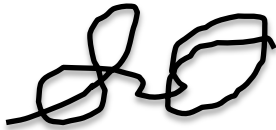
Tables shouldn't be images, but as **word or excel** format so that I can edit them easily. Thank you!

Response:

Thank you very much for your kindness.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a final horizontal stroke, likely representing the name Shigefumi Omuta.

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