

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format .

Title: EUS-guided biliary drainage: Who, when, which, and how ?

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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 reviewe

Reviewer 00039417

- (1) Page 9, line 14-16. Underlined the sentence is corrected.
- (2) EUS-HES is not mistyping. HES means hepaticoenterostomy. HES include hepaticojejunostomy and so on.

Reviewer 00227403

- (1) We changed "should select." to "should be selected".
- (2) Page 9, line 14-16. Underlined the sentence is corrected.
- (3) This is our original data. Published data is very few and quotable papers are also very few. We can't quote from published paper at present. In this situation, we think our data is worth publishing.

Reviewer00160226

- (1) Thank you for your great advices. We agree with reviewer 00160226. We just mentioned our future visions, not present. We talked about only lower bile duct obstructions, not hilar obstructions.
- (2) We agree with reviewer 00160226. Until now, papers of EUS-BD are usually retrospective, small case series. Also multicenter studies are also retrospective and data collections are untrustworthy. We can't find the data people really want to know according to published papers. This paper is invited review paper, not systematic review. Some review papers in *World Journal of Gastroenterology* include author's original data if their data is important for readers. In this situation, we believe our original data is surely helpful for readers.
- (3) We agree with reviewer 00160226. According to the reviewer, we mentioned common complications at first. We added "EUS-BD has many potential of complications. Common complications are bile peritonitis, perforation, bleeding and pneumoperitoneum."
- (4) According to the reviewer, we added the discussion and we described methods to avoid these complications. We added " Figure 4 is the focal cholangitis, Figure 5 is the liver abscess, and

Figure 6 is the bile duct stenosis caused by hyperplasia. All complications of Figure4-6 were caused by the large bore metal stent in EUS-HGS. If we avoid these complications, we should select a small bore stent. But, a small bore stent as a plastic stent is usually short stent patency and has the comparatively high risk of bile leakage.”

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter LAKATOS', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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