

Dear Dr. Gong:

I would like to thank the reviewer and the editorial board for the positive feedback and am pleased to resubmit the manuscript including this cover letter responding point-by-point to the reviewer's recommendations.

Reviewer #1:

This review is well written. However, the views demonstrated in this article are not new. Another point is that as a review, it is better to add the introduction and conclusion.

Answer: Thanks for the kind feedback. This is a review of some of the current controversies in the management of biliary strictures. As such the results are not new. Per reviewer request, an introduction and a conclusion has been added to the manuscript. The manuscript has been revised according to the journal guidelines.