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Dear Dr. Ruo-Yu Ma

Thank you and the reviewers so much for your thorough review of our manuscript and your willingness to consider our manuscript entitled “End-Stage Renal Disease Is Associated with Increased Post Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography Adverse Events In Hospitalized Patients”. After the thoughtful comments per the editorial board and reviewers, we have improved the manuscript. We formatted the article highlights in a paragraph format and addressed the comments from the reviewers.

We have enclosed our point-to-point response to the comments of the reviewers. We have made changes in our manuscript accordingly. We uploaded a tracked draft with all changes highlighted in red.

We hope that our manuscript is now suitable for publication in your journal and appreciate all the ongoing efforts from you and the reviewers in considering this manuscript.

Reviewer #1: SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well written paper on ERCP complications in patients with ESRD.

1. Patients with ESRD often have comorbidities such as cardiovascular diseases and are on antithrombotic agents. It would be great if data on antithrombotic agents can be extracted from the database. If data are not available, please add data on some diseases which are likely to need antithrombotic agents but included in Charlson comorbidity index such as MI, CVI or TIA.

Thank you for the great suggestion. We extracted coagulopathy from the data and added it to table 1. We also added the ICD-9 code used to identify coagulopathy to supplementary table 3.

2. It is well known that patients with ESRD are at high risk for bleeding. EPBD can be an option in this setting according to your results. Please cite a paper by Takahara et al. (J Gastroenterol. 2012 ;47:918-23) and discuss.



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Thank you for suggesting this important study. We cited the study and discussed it in the discussion section.

3. Please explore the effects of hospital volume on the results in this population. Is it possible whether ERCP is safer in a high volume center?

We appreciate the suggestion by the reviewer. Unfortunately, the NIS sampling design was changed in 2012 and it is no longer possible to estimate hospital volumes "<https://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/db/nation/nis/NISIntroduction2014.pdf>"

Reviewer #2: SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Very important topic regarding ERCP adverse events in end stage renal disease. The background adequately describes the idea. The results are clear and the discussion is appropriate. The results should be validated by larger studies which is mentioned in the study limitations.

Thank you so much for reviewing our manuscript and for your comments. We agree that the results of this study should be verified in a larger study. Our conclusion suggested a prospective study to investigate the value of any particular intervention in improving clinical outcomes following ERCP in ESRD

Reviewer #3: SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Please see the comments to the Editor.

Special comments from the editor:



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2. Please download the complete peer-review report and provide point-by-point answers to the peer-reviewers' comments in the file: Answering reviewers. (The current file missed answers to some of the peer-reviewers)

Thank you for pointing this out. The current peer-review report file has comments from 2 reviewers. The third reviewer just referred to comments from the editors. We updated our reply report below to include responses to each comment made by the reviewers.

3. In the ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTS of your revised manuscript, please don't simply answer the questions given by the editor. Please organize your words into a whole paragraph for each part of ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTS.

Thank you for the clarification. We organized our answers in a paragraph format under article highlights