

## RESPONSE LETTER

Dear Editor,

Thank you for considering our paper for publication in World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. We found reviewers's comments very appropriate and interesting. According to these suggestions, we made some changes highlighted in yellow in the text.

Step by step responses:

### **Reviewer 01551432:**

- We added a schematic figure in which we propose an algorithm of endoscopic CBD stone (see Fig. 1)
- We added some pictures from our database about some of the topics cited in the paper (see Fig. 2 and 3).
- We added table (see Table 1) summarizing current evidences for single topic
- We agree on changing "Closing remarks" into "conclusions"
- As regards the references suggested unfortunately, they seem to be not concerning about the topic: J Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2011,26(12):1709-16 is entitled "Literature review in cases with exacerbation of ulcerative colitis induced by treatment with interferon and/or ribavirin"; WJG 2010, 16(44):5543-54 is "Treatment strategies for nodal and gastrointestinal follicular lymphoma: Current status and future development"; and finally WJG 2009, 15(2):231-239 is "Features of hepatocellular carcinoma in cases with autoimmune hepatitis and primary biliary cirrhosis"

### **Reviewer 04091933:**

- We found the paper by Hakuta et al. very interesting: it was not already published when we were writing our review. We added it in the section 'Management of "difficult" choledocolithiasis'.
- In the section 'Safety in ERCP: prevention of complications and infections' we intentionally focused on the post-ERCP pancreatitis, because we think it's a major issue and many important changes have been introduced in the recent years. However, we made some changes to this section, citing the other major complications and their

relation to the complexity of the procedures (evaluated by the ASGE grading system).

- We fixed the fcSEMS abbreviation issue.

Thank you again for your attention,

Kind regards,

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