

**POINT-BY-POINT RESPONSE**

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**Endoscopic therapy of weight regain after bariatric surgery**

**Bulajic M et al. Endoscopic therapy weight regain bariatric surgery**

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Guido Costamagna**

**Reviewer code:** 00047789

**First decision:** 2021-02-28

**Science editor:** Jin-Lei Wang

**Editor in Chief:** Lian-Sheng Ma

To the Science Editor,

To the Editor in Chief,

World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery.

Dear Professor Jin-Lei Wang,

Dear Professor Lian-Sheng Ma,

Please find enclosed a point-by-point response of the original submission entitled "**Endoscopic therapy of weight regain after bariatric surgery.**"

Editor's comments and suggestions:

1- Issues raised: (1) The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor; and (2) If an author of a submission is re-using a figure or figures published elsewhere, or that is copyrighted, the author must provide documentation that the previous publisher or copyright holder has given permission for the figure to be re-published; and correctly indicating the reference source and copyrights. For example, "Figure 1 Histopathological examination by hematoxylin-eosin staining (200 ×). A: Control group; B: Model group; C: Pioglitazone hydrochloride group; D: Chinese herbal medicine group. Citation: Yang JM, Sun Y, Wang M, Zhang XL, Zhang SJ, Gao YS, Chen L, Wu MY, Zhou L, Zhou YM, Wang Y, Zheng FJ, Li YH. Regulatory effect of a Chinese herbal medicine formula on non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. *World J Gastroenterol* 2019; 25(34): 5105-5119. Copyright ©The Author(s) 2019. Published by Baishideng Publishing Group Inc[6]". And please cite the reference source in the references list. If the author fails to properly cite the published or copyrighted picture(s) or table(s) as described above, he/she will be subject to withdrawal of the article from BPG publications and may even be held liable.

*Response: We have done as requested. The endoscopic images are original and never published previously, attached in non-edited form. We attached the PPTX file containing images and comments for each of them.*

Reviewer's comments and suggestions:

1- On p. 15 the last paragraph: Because ESG becomes more and more popular, comparison of endoscopic therapy for revision of SG and ESG is imperative. Anatomically, the major difference between ESG and endoscopic therapy for revision of SG is that SG resects ghrelin producing cells, whereas ESG does not

(Chen CY et al., J Chin Med Assoc 2010; Wang JW et al., World J Gastroenterol 2020). The author should mention and emphasize gut hormone mechanism and cite the relevant references here.

*Response: We thank the reviewer for this comment and we have done as requested. We inserted the last paragraph in the chapter "ENDOSCOPIC OPTIONS IN REVISION OF SLEEVE GASTRECTOMY", where we analyzed the differences in ESG and SG in terms of gut hormones mechanisms. We also added 3 new references.*

We have answered and made corrections according to the Editor's suggestions and each reviewer, which are highlighted in the manuscript. We have carefully answered and included all the suggestions made the best we could. We believe this review to be interesting, updated and appropriate subject matter to the readership of *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*.

All the authors have contributed to and agreed on the content of the manuscript. The manuscript has not been published previously in any language, in whole or in part and is not currently under consideration elsewhere.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr Milutin Bulajic, on behalf of all co-authors.

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## **Reviewer's comments and suggestions:**

**1<sup>st</sup> reviewer** (Number ID: 02465209): *"This is basically a review article of endoscopic techniques to revise bariatric surgery. It would be more important a piece of literature if a meta-analysis or systematic review were done for each section."*

**Response:** We thank the reviewer for this comment. The first reviewer suggested us to write a meta-analysis and systematic review, while the purpose we were invited for was a review/minireview (code 4.7 of the WJGS guidelines for manuscript preparation) and not a meta-analysis or systematic review.

Following the first reviewer's suggestion, we should completely change the manuscript structure and write practically a new paper, which appears unfeasible. Furthermore, the second of two chapters of our paper does not contain enough data to be analyzed in a meta-analysis or systematic review manner.

We agree that a meta-analysis and systematic review could provide more important data to be published, but we would like to ask kindly the reviewer to accept this format of our paper, since it was planned by the moment of Editor's invitation.

**2<sup>nd</sup> reviewer** (Number ID: 04105454): *"well done thank you"*

**Response:** We thank the reviewer for this comment, and we have done as requested (minor language polishing).

**3<sup>rd</sup> reviewer** (Number ID: 04214085): *"Bulajic M et al. reviewed the indication, selection and feasibility of different endoscopic techniques that could be used in the management of weight regain following primary bariatric surgery. This review is comprehensive and well-organized. There are some spelling and grammatical errors, the author should check it carefully."*

**Response:** We thank the reviewer for this comment, and we have done as requested. We corrected all spelling and grammatical errors and finished the language polishing, as well as the reference numbering.

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