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To the editor of World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology

Dear Prof. Ahmed,

Thank you very much for a very valuable review of our paper „Endoscopic radiofrequency ablation of malignant biliary obstruction“. Below, you will find a point by point response to the reviewer. We have made appropriate changes to the text. We hope that you will now find our manuscript suitable for publication in your journal.

Yours sincerely,

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Reviewer 1:

*Excellent overview of this subject. One of the main problems is that there is no clear technical protocol how ablation should be done. E.g. power settings, length, repetitive Ablation etc. In addition it is most likely different when no metal stent is in place or not. The authors mention that problem shortly. It would be very helpful if the authors include the technical information given in the respective papers they have listed in their report. Otherwise no further changes are necessary.*

We completely agree with the reviewer. We have made changes to the text to strengthen the issue of absence of a generally accepted protocol for endoluminal RFA. Based on the recommendation of the reviewer, we now also state technical detail of ablation used in individual papers covered in the manuscript. The information is provided as a new and separate table.