

July 8, 2021

Dear Editor and Reviewers,

Thank you very much for your time and expertise involved in critically reviewing our submission and for your valuable suggestions on the review of manuscript “*Fully Covered Metal Biliary Stents*”.

We have revised our manuscript to address the comments of the editors and reviewers. A detailed point-by-point response is provided below.

We have supplied a clean version of the revised manuscript in Word:
FCSEMS manuscript RL updated_tm FINAL FIXED July 8th 2021

Sincerely yours,

Thiruvengadam Muniraj MD

Editorial Office’s Comments:

1. Science editor:

1 Scientific quality: This is a review article about: Fully Covered Metal Biliary Stents “. This topic is within the scope of the WJG.

(1) Classification: Grade C;

Response: Noted

(2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: “unfortunately, this manuscript included no original and informative tables or figures.”

Response: New tables and figures provided

(3) Format: There are 2 tables. No figure;

Response: New figures provided

(4) References: A total of 131 references are cited, including 15 references published in the last 3 years; 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade A

Response: Noted

3 Academic norms and rules: No academic misconduct was found by the Google/Bing search.

Response: Noted

4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. No financial support was obtained for the study.

Response: Noted

5 Comments by Academic Editor: Draws attention this be an invited article and the authors even had the attention to read the rules for publication in WJG. The article is in disagreement with the WJG formatting rules.

Response: Manuscript reformatted per WJG formatting rules

7 Recommendation: The article does not present news on the subject and does not have the minimum grades for publication in the WJG. Recommendation: Transfer to World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

Response: Noted

(2) Company editor-in-chief: I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Gastroenterology, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. Before final acceptance, uniform presentation should be used for figures showing the same or similar contents; for example, "Figure 1 Pathological changes of atrophic gastritis after treatment. A: ...; B: ...; C: ...; D: ...; E: ...; F: ...; G: ...".

Response: Manuscript reformatted per WJG formatting rules

Reviewer's comments:

1. **Scientific Quality:** Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: This manuscript was an invited one and summarized the latest findings about fully covered self-expandable metal stents (FCSEMS) for biliary

strictures, biliary leak, and post-sphincterotomy bleeding; however, unfortunately, this manuscript included no original and informative tables or figures. The author had better provide some tables and figures which showed treatment outcomes of each stent including its advantages and shortcomings.

Author response: New tables and figures provided