

Dear Editor and reviewers

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Thank you very much for considering our manuscript “Endoscopic or percutaneous biliary drainage in hilar cholangiocarcinoma: when and how?” (ESPS manuscript NO: 65175), by Mocan and colleagues. We are very happy to have received a positive evaluation, and we would like to express our appreciation to you and Reviewers for the thoughtful comments and helpful suggestions.

We believe that our manuscript has been considerably improved as a result of these revisions, and hope that our revised manuscript ““Endoscopic or percutaneous biliary drainage in hilar cholangiocarcinoma: when and how?” is acceptable for publication in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology*.

Point to point response to issues raised by the science editor:

- (1) The “Author Contributions” section is missing. Please provide the author contributions;

Response: Author contributions: The authors confirm contribution to the paper as follows: study conception and design: Mocan T and Sparchez Z; the figures and tables were designed by Mocan T and Horhat A; draft manuscript preparation: Mois E, Graur F, Tefas C, Craciun R, Nenu I, Sparchez M. Mocan T and Sparchez Z provided critical comments and coordinated the writing of the paper. All authors reviewed the results and approved the final version of the manuscript.

- (2) 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;

Response: Original pictures will be submitted in PowerPoint. The table and figure were renamed 65175-Table and 65175-Figure. Both of them were redesigned in PowerPoint; Modifications by editor are possible if needed.

- (3) 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.

Response: Both, the figure and table are ours. No citation needed.

Response We would like to add that there is no funding or conflict of interest to declare. The form for COI, and ICMJE Form for Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest will also be submitted.

We would like to thank you once again for your consideration of our work and inviting us to submit the revised manuscript. We look forward to hearing from you.

Comment to reviewers:

Reviewer #1:

Specific Comments to Authors: Overall, the study is well conducted. Comprehensive in its explanations, even if some parts are a bit obvious. I would not classify biliary tumours as gastro-intestinal tumours.

Answer: In page 3 of the manuscript we corrected the paragraph “Although it is relatively rare compared to the other **hepatobiliary** tumors, its burden is disproportionately high due to its typically dim prognosis. Per available reports, CCA amounts for approximately **approximately 20% of hepatobiliary tumors** [1] and is the second most common primary hepatobiliary tumor, accounting for up to 25% of cases in some geographical areas [2,3]”.

Specific Comments to Authors: Some imperfections in the language.

Answer: Grammar and syntax modifications were made on the following pages: 3,4,11,14,15,16,17.

If there are any modifications we must do please do not hesitate to contact us.

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