

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

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**Title: Preventing post-endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography pancreatitis:
What can be done**

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

Reviewer 1:

- 1) The biggest problem for this review was that the draft was long-winded, repetitious and occasionally ambiguous, the system of writing in each subject was the same. The authors gave a detail account for previous research, too much unnecessary information make primary point off key. It was strongly recommended that the tables or figures were used to be concise and to the point.

Answer: since the other three reviewers are satisfied with format of writing we kept our original format. Although the tables and figures are graphically more interesting we consider it a less appropriate for this purpose because it can distract the attention of the reader

- 2) Importantly the comparison among the different scientist's research work need to be deeply touched up-

Answer- we changes paragraphs where applicable

- 3) Try not to use the same sentence as the literature.

Answer- we rewritten paragraphs where possible

- 4) In "Nitrates" part, please delete the improved in "Kaffes et al. (13) conducted a prospective, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial in which they evaluated the effect of GTN on the prevention of PEP and improved success rates of cannulation during ERCP."

Answer: corrected

- 5) In "However, GTN is not recommended for routine use in PEP prophylaxis, but in addition to some other agent such as NSAIDs may further reduce PEP incidence" where is the subject in this sentence, why using "but" after "however".

Answer: corrected

- 6) In "Somatostatin and protease inhibitors" part, "Group A had a greater rise in serum amylase levels, but the statistically significant difference was measured only at 48 hours after ERCP."

Please double check it, it was supposed to be Group B NOT A since "Group A (75 patients) was given 0.1 mg of octreotide subcutaneously 120 and 30 minutes before and 4 hours after endoscopy, while group B (76 patients) was given a placebo (1 mL of saline)."

Answer: corrected

- 7) Please delete "the difference being that" in "Both groups had the same number of patients, the difference being that patients in group A received 1.5 mg of somatostatin intravenously diluted in 500 mL of saline solution 30 minutes before and 6 hours after ERCP."

Answer: corrected

- 8) No idea of which study referred in this sentence. See "The aims of this study were to determine whether the aforementioned combination of drugs could prevent PEP and affect the type of PEP and side effects caused by the same combination."

Answer: corrected, reference added

- 9) Need space between which and contributions in "which are both known and confirmed risk factors for PEP. Furthermore, ERCP was performed by experienced endoscopists, which contributes to lower rates of PEP."

Answer: corrected

- 10) In "Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)" part, "There is more evidence supporting the administration of NSAIDs. Elmunzer et al. (30) performed a meta-analysis of studies which investigated the efficacy of NSAIDs on the prophylaxis of PEP. They analyzed four studies. Two of the studies compared rectal administration of 100 mg of diclofenac with placebo, and the other two compared rectal administration of 100 mg of indomethacin with placebo." What happened to this study, what conclusion was drawn.

Answer: corrected

- 11) In "Pancreatic stent placement" part, "The goals of this study were the frequency and severity of PEP, the frequency of hyperamylasemia and risk factors for PEP." Please add the "explore to" after "study".

Answer: corrected

- 12) In "In conclusion, the results of this study suggest that pancreatic duct stenting decreases the incidence of PEP, and could possibly contribute to less severe cases of PEP, thereby easing the patient's recovery." The "suggest" need to be in the past tense.

Answer: corrected

- 13) In "Cannulation" part, please replace the first "and " with "with" in "Cennamo et al. (54) conducted a meta-analy

Answer: corrected

Reviewer 2

There are some language problems in the paper such as "It is a method which is has been shown without incongruity to be effective." I suggest the publication with minor revision of the language

Answer: corrected

Reviewer 3

I suggest some minor comments as follows.

- 1) In pharmacological prevention, till now NSAIDs is well-known cost-effective methods used. I think it should be mention first drug in this section.

Answer: thank you for the comment but we used a "historical" approach and started with drugs which were used in prevention before NSAIDs and nowadays are not in routine usage. At the end we decide to put two groups of drugs which we using now, NSAID's and antibiotics

2. Format for references is incorrect. Please recheck the guideline for reference. Thank you.

Answer: Corrected where needed

Reviewer 4

Specific comments for revision Kindly delete the para on page 15- "An interesting approach -----pharmacological prophylactic agent." which is not required.

Answer: Corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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