

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: Soehendra_stent_retriever.revised040914.doc).

Title: ESPS 12761: Feasibility and safety of the use of Soehendra stent retriever as a new technique for biliary access in endoscopic ultrasound-guided biliary drainage

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Point-by-point Revision:

Reviewer A:

The authors developed this non-cauterized and graded dilatation technique for biliary access in concern of complication, perforation and bile leakage, instead of knife and balloon dilatation method to create neottract. However the result of this study showed no advantage compared to old technique. However the use of commercial product may be benefit and adapted for other expert interventional endoscopist.

Answer: We agreed, therefore we inserted this comment in the conclusion section ' The authors endorse this instrument, **which is a commercial product that might be benefit and adapted**, as an alternative option for neottract creation with high technical and clinical success rates as well as a complication rate that did not differ from those of previous reports of EUS-BD, especially after failure to use a tapered-tip dilator prior to balloon dilation.'

Reviewer B:

1. I found some spelling such as the one in second line page 7 'sited' should be 'cited'

Answer: We did correct it already.

2. It would be interesting if the authors make more detailed comments explaining the advantage of Soehendra stent retriever compares with Soehendra stent dilator, Cook

Medical, they also used as well. Why is the stent retriever better than the dilator?

Answer: We inserted the text body content already in Page 7 line 15 and 18-19.

3. It seems worrisome the high complications percentage described in this short report compared with the previous authors' experience communicated in 2013(ref10)with only 6% of complications, this finding deserve a throughly and critical explanation before proposing this device as a reliable way to dilate the EUS biliary drainage.

Answer: We inserted the text body content already in Page 7 line 20-21 . (regarded more severe mechanical injury by the drilling effect of the instrument which the endoscopist who prefer to use this has to be careful).

4 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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