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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (13592-new.doc).

Title: Role of EUS guided biliary intervention in patients with surgically altered anatomy

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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

(1) The suggestion of reviewer 00035901 to include the advantage of ballooned endoscopy has been added into the manuscript. The following points namely, overtubed assisted ERCP is the initial procedure for surgically altered anatomy since there are more supporting data than EUS guided drainage and the options for therapeutic procedure are more readily available, were added.

(2) The suggestion of reviewer 00057131 regarding the use of partially covered metal stent is really appreciated, unfortunately, the number of cases that we can retrieve was too small with insufficient details to make a meaning full subgroup of stent analysis.

(3) Thanks for the reviewer 00182274 with a kind comment to our manuscript.

(4) The suggestions of reviewer 02542039 are very helpful for us and we have made the changes as the followings.

4.1 The technical success and clinical success of EUS-BD in the abstract had been clarified as suggested.

4.2 The reasons to review EUS-BD in surgically altered anatomy were added in the introduction.

4.3 The subtitles “patients with successful endoscopic access with failed ERCP procedures” and “patient with unsuccessful endoscopic access” were rewritten by combining the contents in to one paragraph and the subtitles were removed.

4.4 The percentage of PTBD associated complications in the introduction was added as suggested.

4.5 The title had been changed with the word “surgically” added.

4.6 In the reports with overlapping cases, the description of the method for checking the overlapping cases was added.

4.7 In the PTBD and EUD-BD comparative study, the suggestion had been added.

4.8 We totally agree with the comments so we had modified and emphasized that OAE-ERCP is the standard approach and EUS-BD may be an alternative option in cases with failed OAE-ERCP and this approach should be assessed in a research setting.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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