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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: OLT Biliary stricture article 11-10-2014.doc).

Title: Endoscopic Management of Post-Liver Transplant Biliary Complications

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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 reviewers, as follows:

Reviewer # 8599: Excellent manuscript describing in detail the biliary complications after liver transplantation.

Authors' Reply: We appreciate your thorough read and liking of our manuscript.

Reviewer # 47067: This is a thorough review on the field. I have no comments except minor language corrections in the first pages.

Authors' Reply: We appreciate your positive comments, and have checked entire manuscript for grammatical errors.

Reviewer # 51373: It is a very extensive and practically review on the management of the biliary complication after liver transplantation. Nice writing mini-review here and have a benefit for the endoscopists and liver transplantation program. But I have a comment that providing the appropriate anesthesia for endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) cases after liver transplantation is challenging. In this review, the readers may want to know more and more sedation ERCP this update practice. The author may consider to give us an additional description and opinion.

Authors' Reply: We appreciate your positive comments, and thank you for bringing forward issue of anesthesia. We have added a paragraph of discussion regarding this (Highlighted in yellow).

Reviewer # 73423: This comprehensive review is represented in a very practical way. Someone may claim for some more scientific data. It could be useful if authors could show their own data on different complications. Nevertheless I consider such kind of mini-review to be extremely useful for wide range of medical specialists. For those who are involved in the care of liver transplant patients. The paper is easily understandable also for those who are just interested in the topic, not being specialists. In some way it resembles to textbook, or practical guide.

Authors' Reply: We appreciate your positive comments, and offer to present some of our personal experiences/data into this review. We have added statements throughout the manuscript explaining our personal experiences, like management of hemobilia case, stricture management, and finally our

experiences with sedation in post liver transplant patients (Highlighted in yellow).

Reviewer # 2440222: In the manuscript entitled "Endoscopic Management of Post-Liver Transplant Biliary Complications" submitted by Mohit et al., the authors present a well-researched review of the recent advances in endoscopic tools and techniques for the management of most of the complications. In addition, they investigate the management dilemmas in patients with surgically altered anatomy. The content is rich with a logical structure. It should be of interest to readers. In general, this is a well-written summary of much of the available knowledge. Many important works and comprehensive discussions are included in this review. However, language should be checked more carefully. There are many spelling and grammatical errors. The manuscript would benefit from some help with the English. Including, but not limited to, the following:

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Authors' Reply: We appreciate your thorough read and overall liking of our manuscript. We thank you for pointing out some pertinent grammatical errors, which we have corrected, as per your recommendations (Corrections highlighted in yellow). We have also thoroughly checked entire manuscript for any further grammatical errors.

3). References and typesetting were corrected.

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

Sincerely yours,

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