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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the revised manuscript in Word format (file name: 19019-Revised manuscript). We have amended the manuscript according to the suggestions of the reviewer and the editor. We kindly thank the reviewers for their efforts to improve the quality of our paper.

- **Response to the editor:**

1. We added the data sharing statement.
2. We recorded an audio core tip.
3. We changed the superscript symbols into numbers in table 1, 2, 3 and 4.
4. We provided the "highlighted contents".

- **Response to reviewer no. 2530752:**

1. In the original articles 'stent patency' and 'overall survival' were reported heterogeneously by the median, mean or rates. The median was reported most frequently. Therefore, we chose to report the median in the main text. Means and rates are presented as well in literature table 1. We added a sentence in the 'statistical analysis' section to clarify this topic.
2. We completely agree that the stent design is of great importance to avoid complications such as re-obstruction and stent migration. Please find the discussion on the role of stent covering and antimigration measures in the paragraph on stent dysfunction in the discussion section.

We hope to have answered your questions sufficiently. Many thanks for considering our manuscript for publication in the World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Sincerely yours,

On behalf of Jeanin van Hooft, MD, PhD



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