

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: Endoscopic management of benign biliary strictures.docx).

**Title:** Endoscopic Management of Benign Biliary Strictures

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Thank you for reviewing our submission to *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy* entitled "Advanced endoscopic imaging of indeterminate biliary strictures" (ESPS Manuscript No: 19911). We appreciate the comments from the reviewers and have responded to each of the items raised in the review, as presented below and in the revised manuscript (highlighted in yellow). These comments have certainly improved the manuscript and we appreciate the opportunity to return it to you for consideration of publication.

- 1) Formatting recommendations have been incorporated.
- 2) Revisions have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers:

**Reviewer 1 (No. 1467363)**

a. No specific suggestions were made. We agree with acknowledging that many of these imaging methods are limited to a small number of diagnostic centers, and have done so in the concluding paragraph.

**Reviewer 2 (No. 1799104)**

a. We agree that the addition of a table comparing the various modalities would be useful, and have created one for consideration (Table 2).

**Reviewer 3 (No. 7813)**

a. We appreciate the reviewer's suggestion to expand on the role of EUS elastography in the evaluation of indeterminate biliary strictures. At this time, however, there are too few data to determine its role in evaluating biliary pathology and it is currently of limited use in clinical practice in this setting.

Thank you again for all your efforts in reviewing our manuscript and considering it for

publication in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*.

Sincerely yours,

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