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Dear Dr. Jian-Xia Cheng:

Please find enclosed our edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 334-review.doc).

Title: Conventional endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography versus the Olympus V-scope system

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions made by the reviewers:

1. The manuscript was not intended to favour the V-scope system. Because the original version seemed to have created this impression, we have changed the Discussion regarding this point and have also deleted the original Table 4. In general, we found no differences between the conventional and V-scope systems. Regarding the overall intervention time, the V-scope system was 2 minutes faster per intervention, although more difficult interventions were performed in this group. This difference, however, was not significant, which may be due to the small number of cases in this study.

2. The following revisions have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer:

- (1) The title has been shortened.
- (2) and (3) These are the names of all authors that contributed to this study. These names have been included in the copyright file as well.
- (4) The *P*-values and the name of the statistical test used (the Wilcoxon rank-sum test) have been included in the Abstract.
- (5) The reference numbers were changed according to the instructions.
- (6) The number of references was increased to 26.
- (7) The abbreviations used in the table headings are now spelled out in full.
- (8) The original Table 4 has been deleted

3. References and typesetting have been corrected. In addition, this manuscript has been reviewed and revised by a science-intensive manuscript revision service.

4. The original Table 5 has been deleted since the data has been addressed in the Results and the Discussion. Unfortunately, we have forgotten to include our colleague who was mainly in charge of the collection of the data and its analysis. We have included him (Dane Wildner) in the authors list and want to apologize us dearly by your journal and our colleague for our mistake.

We believe that we have addressed all points brought up by the reviewers and expect that this manuscript should now be acceptable for publication in *World Journal of Gastroenterology*. We thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

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