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Dear Editor,

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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) Interestingly no aerobilia which can be easily detected by transabdominal ultrasound and may be one reason for the delayed diagnosis. Additionally, the absence of significant calcification of the stone deteriorated an early diagnosis. In 50% of cases, the diagnosis is often only made at laparotomy

(2) Some special types of GI like Bouveret's syndrome (stones impact in the duodenum causing gastric outlet obstruction) and stones in the stomach or the colon are suitable for non-surgical therapeutic options in around 20% of the patients. For example laserlithotripsy in Bouveret's syndrome or extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy or even only endoscopic extraction may be an promising and fast therapeutic alternative.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,
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