

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in an electronic copy of the full-text manuscript in Word format.

**Title: Is endoscopic therapy the treatment of choice in all patients with chronic pancreatitis?**

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

### **Reviewer 00001832**

1. The abstract was shortened.
2. Expressions such as "I discussed recommendations" were replaced by "recommendations are discussed".
3. The term "pancreatic mass" was specified to pancreatic mass with suspicion of malignancy.
4. The surgical part was shortened. Significant reduction was not possible because second reviewer suggested to introduce some RCTs and total pancreatectomy with islet autotransplantation in surgical treatment for CP.
5. It was more clearly stated which parts are scientific/literature reviews and which parts are opinion pieces. The reference number, author's name or expression "In my opinion" were added.
6. The manuscript was edited regarding English grammar.

### **Reviewer 00503540**

1. It was emphasized that according to the literature, "Partington procedure is still the procedure of choice for patients with a dilated main pancreatic duct but without inflammatory pancreatic head mass because it is simply and associated with a low postoperative morbidity and mortality preserving pancreatic exocrine and endocrine function. Frey and Beger operations as duodenum-preserving pancreatic head resections (DPPHRs) with extended pancreatic duct drainage are recommended for patients with inflammatory pancreatic head mass".
2. Surgery procedure in Beger and Frey and some RCTs in surgical treatment for CP were introduced.
3. References regarding total pancreatectomy with islet autotransplantation were indicated as [19,20].
4. My opinion regarding indications for surgery without endoscopy in CP patients was introduced : "In my opinion, surgical treatment without endoscopic treatment should be recommended for patients with duodenal stricture and pancreatic mass with suspicion of malignancy. In these patients, endoscopy should be used only in the diagnosis".
5. Some figures about the most frequently performed surgical procedures were introduced.

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

Sincerely yours,



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