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To Director Yan and the editors of *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful and thorough review of our manuscript. We have carefully addressed each reviewer comment below.

Reviewer #1: The authors examined the correlation between severity/comorbidity of biliary disease and hyponatremia. Although the correlations between disease severity and hyponatremia have been reported, few reports have referred to biliary disease on this issue. A few points should be addressed. 1) The definition of hyponatremia should be specified in the Methods. 2) The units used for glucose differ between the text and the table. Those should be unified.

Response: Thank you very much for this comment. The definition of hyponatremia was specified within the 'Methods' section as requested. In addition, the units for glucose were unified between the text and the table. Thank you for making these observations.

Reviewer #2: This is a well designed investigation. Some reports are published about the role of hyponatremia and biliary disorders. However, a an investigation in a larger collective has not been published before. Therefore, this report seems very interesting.

Response: Thank you very much for this comment

In addition, we have reviewed the edited manuscript as provided and have made all the changes within the comment boxes.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any additional questions or concerns. We sincerely appreciate your consideration and are excited to share our manuscript with the readers of the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*.

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