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Dear Editor,

**Manuscript NO:** 52782

**Title:** Double-balloon endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography for patients who underwent liver operation

We would like to thank you for considering the publication of our work in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*, and also thank you for careful reading our manuscript and giving us useful comments.

We carefully revised the manuscript according to the reviewer's comments and the guidelines.

We hope that the revised manuscript is acceptable for publication in *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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Reviewer #1

Reviewer's code: 03806663

**1-this topic is interesting, but there are some limitations to this research. These limitations are mentioned at the end of the manuscript.**

Reply: Thank you for evaluation of our manuscript. We have some limitations as you pointed. We want to perform more DB-ERC to overcome these limitations.

**2-the title of the figures are indicated below the figures**

Reply: We rewrote the title of the figures below the figures.

**3-how, you select a control group in a retrospective study.**

Reply: We described the reason why we chose the patients who underwent pancreatoduodenectomy as a control group in *Introduction (page 8, line24)*.

“As a control group, we selected patients who underwent pancreatoduodenectomy (including pylorus-preserving and subtotal stomach-preserving procedures) because they had choledochoduodenostomy, as for LO group, but no hepatectomy.”

**4- can you write the degree of freedom with each p-value. Also, can you mention the effect size of each statistical test?**

Reply: Thank you for statistical suggestions. In this study, all chi-square tests calculated from the 2x2 tables and all of the degree of freedom are just 1, so we would not mention about the degree of freedom.

We calculated the effect size (phi coefficient and cohen's *d*) and added in table 2,3,4,5 as you requested.

**5- as regards the figures, what is the scale, color blindness mode, annotations, magnifications of each picture.**

Reply: Figure 2 shows endoscopic and fluoroscopic images of DB-ERC, so we don't know the scale or magnifications. And in DB-ERC we only perform white-light endoscopy so color blindness mode is white light. We added a detailed description below Figure 2.

**6- some grammar corrections are highlighted in the uploaded file**

Reply: We are so sorry but we don't find where you pointed. We reread our manuscript carefully and fixed grammar corrections as much as possible.

Reviewer #2

Reviewer's code: 03253490

**Nishio et al. to examine the success rates and safety of DB-ERC after hepatectomy or living donor liver transplantation in this study. The Study is interesting and the manuscript is well written. Thank you for giving opportunity to review your study.**

Reply: We thank you for the positive comment of our manuscript.