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

1 English mistakes and format have been corrected

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer (2)

(1) The phrase at the top of page 3 have been corrected

(2) The titles of the different sections have been modified

(3) Strictures in esophagus:

- The follow-up period of Saito et al has been added
- The integrity and radial force of Ella stent has been clarified
- Overall technical success has been included
- The number of patients of the largest series has been included
- Thoracic pain, as the most complication, has been reported
- Year, type of study and complications have been added in table 1
- Cerná et al has been included in the references (number 32)

(4) Strictures in the small intestine and colon:

- The special introduction system for stent insertion has been reported
- Mucosal hyperplastic reaction after insertion of BDS has not documented in intestinal strictures.

- Year, type of study and complications have been added in table 2

(5) Strictures in the pancreatobiliary tract

- The first phrase has been modified
- There is no published clinical experience in humans
- The price of these stents, as important limitation, has been added

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

Sincerely yours,

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