

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

March 22nd, 2014

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: Costi_R_et_al_REVISED_22_3_2014), revised according to Reviewers' criticisms-

Title: DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF CHOLEDOCHOLITHIASIS IN THE GOLDEN AGE OF IMAGING, ENDOSCOPY AND LAPAROSCOPY.

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Dear Editor,

The manuscript has been improved according to all Reviewers' and Editorial Office suggestions. I hope that the paper is now suitable for publication in the WJG.

AUTHORS' REPLIES TO REVIEWERS' CRITICISMS

Reviewer 1

1) It is too long: I believe that a significant shortening could be obtained by reduction of paragraphs on clinical presentation, lithotripsy, and emerging surgical techniques.

The paper has been entirely re-edited and shortened by 1557 words, in particular reducing the paragraphs on clinical presentation, lithotripsy, and emerging surgical techniques, in accordance with reviewer's request.

2) Too much abbreviations sometimes make difficult the reading

In accordance with the reviewer, the abbreviations “GB” for gallbladder, “LC” for laparoscopic cholecystectomy, “ES” for endoscopic sphincterotomy and “MRI” for magnetic resonance has been changed in their extended forms through all the text.

3) As reader I need a more critical appraisal of the Literature's messages

In accordance with the reviewer, a more critical appraisal of literature's messages, especially when ambiguous or contradictory, has been added through the whole paper, in particular considering drawbacks and morbidity of examinations and procedures.

4) As reader I need also a brief list of the evidence's messages (also in a table)

In accordance with the reviewer, table 1 has been added in order to clarify the main evidence's messages of CBDS diagnosis and management.

Reviewer 2

The author reviewed present approaches in dealing with CBDS in detail, almost of all the procedures and new techniques were introduced, which is of great significance in guidance of clinical practice.

We thank the reviewer for his commentary.

To the Editorial Office

(Formal corrections)

A1: The title has been shortened by four words. If it is still too long, an even shorter version could be “CHOLEDOCHOLITHIASIS IN THE GOLDEN AGE OF IMAGING, ENDOSCOPY AND LAPAROSCOPY”. We personally prefer the present version, but we also understand the editorial issues of WJG;

A2: References have been corrected through the whole TEXT and are now superscript in square brackets;

A3: A powerpoint file with decomposable figures is attached.

Thank you again for your cooperation.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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