

## Point by point response to REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 9880-editedRev.doc).

**Title:** Repeat ERCP after failed initial precut sphincterotomy for biliary cannulation

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

1 Format has been updated

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

(1) **Reviewer code:** 01490498

Thank you for your comments. We have added to the discussion, that the clinical decision to repeat ERCP or arrange PTC or surgery after failed precut sphincterotomy should also be based on local expertise in these techniques.

In our opinion, centers with expertise in precut sphincterotomy should perform a second ERCP because the anatomy is often clearer after 3-5 days again when the oedema has settled.

(2) **Reviewer code:** 01488530

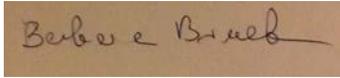
Thank you for your comments. We have added to the limitations of the study that prospective data would be desirable.

3 References and typesetting were corrected according to the style of WJG.

Thank you again for considering our manuscript for publication in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*. We understand that there are no publication fees for members of the Editorial Board with a substantial review record.

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