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Dr. Lian-Sheng Ma, Founder and Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Editor:

Thank you for your preliminary decision regarding our invited paper entitled "Current management of concomitant cholelithiasis and common bile duct stones" (Manuscript NO: 81268), which was sent to the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surg* for publication as a *MiniReview*.

I would like to thank the reviewers for their earnest efforts in reviewing the manuscript. I accepted and responded step by step to all considerations by the reviewers improving the manuscript. The changes are highlighted by yellow.

Reviewer 1: Many thanks for his considerable comments.

1. The Abstract has been shortened as suggested.
2. It has been added a table (Table 1) as suggested by the Company Editor-in-chief.
3. For clarification, it has been added the text "*in cases of symptomatic cholelithiasis with asymptomatic choledocholithiasis*" (page 4, lines 11-12). Further, the practical consequence of that article (Ref. 7) was the routine use of intraoperative cholangiography during laparoscopic cholecystectomy regarding the effectiveness and cost. However, in the following sentences (Ref. 8,9,10), it seems that in the era of MRCP availability, the selective use of intraoperative cholangiography based on well-defined indications is more reasonable.

Reviewer 2

1. The suggested minor revision has been done by adding the new Ref. 31 changing the order and the text "*A recent retrospective study from Italy demonstrated that laparoscopic rendezvous shortened the endoscopic time and may be a reasonable alternative to intraoperative ERCP [31]*" (page 7, lines 1-3).

I am sending the revised manuscript and hope to receive a favorable final decision.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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