

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



September 24th, 2014

Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for the evaluation and review of our manuscript. We tried to answer the reviewer criticisms, and the manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers.

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 13169-review.doc).

**Title:** Management of liver transplantation biliary stricture - results from a tertiary hospital

**Author:** Fernanda Prata Martins, Michel Kahaleh, Angelo Paulo Ferrari

**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*

**ESPS Manuscript NO:** 13169

I. Format has been updated

II. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

### **Reviewer # 1**

Major points:

1. Please clarify how to choose stent type for each case?

Answer: stent type was individually selected in a case by case basis, and according to referring physician preference.

2. Follow-up intervals of two groups were different; therefore it could influence some outcomes.

Please describe this point as limitation of this study.

Answer: although some patients in the multiple plastic stent (MPS) group have a longer follow-up, mean and median ( $\pm$  SD) follow-up is similar: 690.8, 538 ( $\pm$ 632.6) for MPS *versus* 620.3, 479 ( $\pm$ 540.7) days for covered self-expandable metal stents (cSEMS).

3. I supposed that this paper was not review but original article, but their conclusion was based half on the result of literature review. I recommend to focus on their study results and shorten the review part.

Answer: manuscript was reviewed.

### **Reviewer #2**

Minor points:

1. cSEMS, namely Covered self-expandable metal stents, should not be firstly appeared with abbreviation in the Abstract.

Answer: abbreviation was corrected.

2. Section of Results seems to be confused. Authors should express it with more clear and logics.

Answer: manuscript was reviewed.

III. References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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**1. For the figures, decomposable figures are required. It means that the fonts and lines can be edited or moved. It can be made by ppt.**

Figures were decomposed.

**2. Additionally, please revise the format of your cited references according to my notes.**

References revised.

**3. The columns of your manuscript belongs to Clinical Trials Study, please provide the following files:**

a. *Institutional review board statement*

File provided.

b. *Clinical trial registration*

File provided.

c. *Informed consent statement*

File provided.

d. *Biostatistics*

File provided.

e. *Conflict-of-interest statement*

Files provided.

f. *Data sharing statement*

File provided.

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fernanda Prata". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large initial 'F'.

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Please find attached the Figures 1 and 2 decomposed.

**2. For the figures 3 and 4, please provide the whole explanations.**

**Figure 3:** represents a patient with post-OLT anastomotic stricture from index ERCP where the stricture can be seen at the arrow head (A). Endoscopic treatment was performed with multiple plastic stents (B: radiographic view and C: endoscopic view of stents) during 1-year period. D: final cholangiogram revealing complete stricture resolution after stent removal.

**Figure 4:** represents a patient with post-OLT anastomotic stricture demonstrated at the initial cholangiogram (A). Endoscopic treatment was performed with placement of a fully covered SEMS across the stricture as a primary therapy option (B). C: endoscopic view of the FCSEMS after 6 months in place. D: fluoroscopic image revealing stricture resolution after SEMS removal.

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Manuscript has been updated according to the Editor's comments.

**1. Revise the format of cited references.**

The references were revised according to editor's notes.

**2. Please write the comments. (Writing requirement see the file named "Format of Original Articles").**

Comments were written.

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