

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 15078-review.doc).

Title: Does Endoscopic ultrasound-guided biliary drainage really have clinical impact?

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers. The major corrections and additions in the revised manuscript are noted as tracked changes (red is added, blue is deleted).

[Responses to reviewer 02510223](#)

The reviewer commented *“EUS-BD has the potential to be a first-line biliary drainage method instead of ERCP if results of clinical trials are favorable and the technique is simplified. That's very interesting and useful.”*

Response

Thank you for your comments.

[Responses to reviewer 00503834](#)

The reviewer commented *“The manuscript entitled “Does Endoscopic ultrasound-guided biliary drainage really have clinical impact?” is about EUS guided drainage in clinical practice. 1. EUS-guided therapeutic procedure is a strategy for biliary and pancreas diseases about the interface of ERCP and EUS. It is a new developed technique. 2. The basic theory is simple that a technical skill to achieve the target of drainage. 3. The procedure was not widely used in the world. There is lack of large case number, prospective trials till now. 4. The authors are pioneers in the field and have much experiences about this technique. However, the content of this review dose not give more information and novel ideas.”*

Response

Thank you for your comments. Kinds of our paper is not original or technical view but also editorial. Therefore, we believe our paper has benefit for our World J Gastroenterol readers. Once again, we thank you for your comments.

[Responses to reviewer 00502797](#)

The reviewer commented *“No comments”*

Response

Thank you for your review.

Responses to reviewer 00068864

The reviewer commented *“Review of Paper “Does Endoscopic ultra-sound guided biliary drainage relly have clinical impact?” Abstract: The well established gold standard method for biliary drainage in the setting of benign or malignant obstructive jaundice involves endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) or percutaneous transhepatic cholangiography (PTC). However, both these methods have indications, limitations and adverse effects. In order to alternatively overcome these pitfalls the role of endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) has been inserted in biliary drainage under several forms using the term endoscopic ultrasound guided biliary drainage (EUS-BD). EUS-BD was first reported by Giovannini and broadly includes EUS guided rendezvous technique (EUS-RV), EUS guided choledochoduodenostomy (EUS-CDS), EUS guided hepaticogastrostomy (EUS-HGS), EUS guided antegrade stenting (EUS-AS) and EUS guided gallbladder drainage (EUS-GBD). The authors conclude that EUS-BD will play an important role in benign or malignant biliary obstruction and that further improvements of the method as well as randomized trials are needed. Point of criticism: The authors describe in their short report mainly by name the new techniques for biliary drainage under the general term endoscopic ultrasound guided biliary drainage. However, a more extended description including indications, contra-indications and adverse effects is needed in order to characterize this manuscript as a review. Conclusion: The authors performed a very short review of the endoscopic ultrasound guided methods for biliary drainage. As described above this manuscript can be considered for publication only as a letter to the editor or a short communication.”*

Response

As you mentioned, our paper may not be enough for `review paper`, however, we mainly commented on EUS-BD such as technical or previously reports. Therefore, we consider our paper may be suitable paper as `Editorial`. Thank you for your comments and suggestions.

Responses to reviewer 00382448

The reviewer commented *“The manuscript gives a quick and complete overview on characteristics of endoscopic ultrasound-guided biliary drainage methods and on elements in favor or against use of each method. The topic is of current interest, it is explained clearly and the text is written in good English. I have only some very minor comments, reported below. Page 2, lines 27-28: "the puncture needle and guidewire" is repeated twice. Please delete one occurrence. Page 3, line 28: replace "were" with "was". Page 5, lines 10-12: the reference number for the cited paper by Paik et al. is not present.”*

Response

We corrected our paper, accordingly.

Responses to reviewer 00068625

The reviewer commented *“The problem presented in the paper has been discussed for several years, but it still remains actual topic. I have to agree with the authors when they write the conclusions of the work: However, because prospective studies and comparisons between the different biliary drainage methods have not been reported, the technical success, functional success, adverse events, and stent patency with long-term follow up of EUS-BD are still unclear. Therefore, prospective, randomized*

controlled studies addressing these issues are needed. The paper is organized in a clear and easy to understand manner. Literature citations are appropriate and adequate. I recommend this manuscript for publication."

Response

Thank you for your recommendation of publication.

Responses to reviewer 02729987

The reviewer commented *"This Editorial by Ogura T and Kazuhide H entitle "Does Endoscopic ultrasound-guided biliary drainage really have clinical impact?" is a very well written paper, with a good systematic approach of the several methods of EUS -guided biliary drainage. I only have two suggestions: -there are too many acronyms, that sometimes make it difficult to follow the text. -more considerations and information about future perspectives of EUS-guided biliary drainage."*

Response

Thank you for your suggestions. We added more information about EUS-BD in the text.

Finally, references and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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