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Science Editor

Editorial Office

World Journal of Gastroenterology

Re: Revision of an Opinion Review for consideration for publication in World Journal of Gastroenterology

RE: Manuscript NO. 54483: Malignant gastric outlet obstruction: which is the best therapeutic option?

Dear Science Editor,

We remain very grateful to the Editorial Staff and the Reviewers for their careful consideration and additional constructive recommendations for strengthening this manuscript.

Below, we deal point-by-point with the individual critiques and suggestions raised by the Reviewers. All changes to the manuscript have been highlighted using a red font, and the Reference list has been modified accordingly.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to submit an amended version of our manuscript and for your positive feedback to our submission.

Kind regards,

Andrea Anderloni

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Reviewer 1: Congratulations to this interesting review study. Very useful for clinical applications. I recommend this article be published in WJG.

We thank very much the Reviewer for the positive comments to our manuscript.

Reviewer 2: The authors reviewed technical aspects and clinical outcomes of several therapeutic approaches in patients with malignant gastric outlet obstruction (MGOO). There is one comment. Comments In patients with MGOO, laparoscopic gastrojejunostomy (GJ) is widely performed as a surgical approach. However, in fact, surgical approach has been developed and several surgical procedures has been added in laparoscopic GJ. Arigami et al. reported the clinical utility of stomach-partitioning GJ with Braun enteroenterostomy in patients with MGOO caused by unresectable gastric cancer (Anticancer Res;36:5431-5436, 2016). The authors should discuss about a novel surgical approach for laparoscopic GJ.

We thank the reviewer for this constructive comment. We fully agree that surgical techniques are evolving and probably such new approaches will be extensively integrated in future clinical practice, if further studies will confirm the efficacy and safety. As suggested, this new surgical technique for laparoscopic GJ in MGOO has been cited and discussed in the revised version of the manuscript.

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