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### Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

May 26, 2017

Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the revised manuscript in Word format (file name: 33944-Revised manuscript).

**Title:** Feasibility of initial endoscopic common bile duct stone removal in patients with acute cholangitis

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Clinical Cases*

**ESPS Manuscript NO:** 33944

Thank you for reviewing our manuscript. Revisions have been made to our manuscript based on your suggestions.

#### **Response to 00503601's comments:**

**Comment:** Comparison of urgent CBD stone removal by ERCP at 1st ERCP versus delayed stone removal as a response to changes in the Japanese management guidelines. On page 12, last paragraph is there a typo error on the reasons for not doing additional EST? Should "...an off-period of more than 5-7 days" be corrected to "...an off-period of less than 5-7 days"?

**Response:** We do not perform additional EST for patients who take antithrombotic agents that require an off-period of more than 5-7 days to avoid bleeding risks. We have revised a sentence in the Discussion to reflect this.

#### **Response to 03700188's comments:**

**Comment:** Although this is a small study, it was well written. We need bigger study to come to a conclusion, but I found this one a beginning.

**Response:** We have addressed the small cohort size as a limitation in the Discussion.



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

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