

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

24th of September 2013

Dear Editor,

We thank you very much for your comments.

Please find the edited manuscript in Word format (file name WJG 5077 .doc).

Title: Risk factors for proximal migration of biliary tube stents

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. Format has been updated
2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer.

(Reply to **Reviewer 01779398**) Reply 1: As for stent design, I think that we should pay attention in case of using shorter and straight type stent in the high-risk patients. I had better use pig-tailed type stent in this case. I added this in Discussion. Reply 2: We made and added an algorithm that shows the best extraction method, depending on the circumstances using illustrative photographs (Figure 2-4).

(Reply to **Reviewer 00070138**) Our study has a limitation because of a retrospective study. We think that drugs have no relation to the stent migration. We made and added an algorithm that shows the best extraction method, depending on the circumstances using illustrative photographs (Figure 2-4).

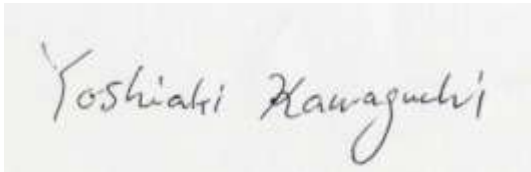
(Reply to **Reviewer 00041858**) We made and added an algorithm that shows the expected

type of stent migration depending on the topography of bile duct/type of stenosis, and the stent variety (Figure 1). And we also made and added an algorithm that shows the best extraction method, depending on the circumstances using illustrative photographs (Figure 2-4).

3. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer. We underlined to the revised portions of my manuscript. And I made Figure 1-4.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Yoshiaki Kawaguchi".

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