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- i. After an comprehensive literature search and strict selection of articles, this study was conducted with a clear outcome and demonstrated that a shorter duration of antimicrobial administration (2-3 days) would not worsen the patient outcome. There is no room for special comments on the research methodology, interpretation of results, or discussion points, and this manuscript remains highly accomplished.: **Our response:** we would like to thank the reviewer for the kind comments

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- i. Upon careful examination, I found the manuscript to be rigorous and conducted with sound logical and scientific methodology. The results obtained are interesting and would be intriguing for a wide range of medical personnel in the Gastroentrology field. In my opinion, the English is excellent and the graphs and tables are complete and easy to understand. I strongly recommend publication of the article. Again many congratulations to the authors on their

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Our response to the editor-in-chief:

We would like to thank you for the time spent reviewing our work and for the valuable and thorough feedback.

We respectfully resubmit the manuscript of our article entitled: "Short versus long-course antibiotic therapy in adults with acute cholangitis: A systematic review, meta-analysis, and evidence quality assessment." for revision.

The tables were modified as constructed and summarized in a word file. Concerning the Figures, these were constructed through the program RStudio and can therefore not be edited. However, in case that further modifications are required we remain at your disposal.

Thank you for your consideration for the World Journal of Gastroenterology.