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## **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The manuscript describes the clinical application of POC for many diagnostic and therapeutic purposes. It is well written and seems to be a important review. However, there are some points to be revised for better readability. Major comments The present paper includes no endoscopic photo or table. For better readability, it should have at least some cholangioscopic images (i.e. laser lithotripsy, cholangioscopic findings suggesting malignancy, and/or visual delineation of neoplastic margins in the ducts). The author may think of adding some tables summarizing data from previously published papers. The present article does not deal with mother-baby scope system using a reusable digital cholangioscope or direct POC (DPOCS) because of availability in selected market. However, it has been available in many Asian and European countries other than the USA and many related papers have been already published. Hence, more details and data about these two cholangioscopy systems should be included in the manuscript. Or, the title should be changed to 'a single operator peroral cholangioscopy: update on the state-of-the-art'. Minor comments SpyGlass™ DS is the system using the SpyScope™ DS Catheter (Boston Scientific), which has been updated to the newer version (Spyscope™ DS II Catheter) featuring increased resolution and increased lighting. This statement should be added in the text. Figure 2 indicates various available accessories for SpyGlass™ DS system. The product name of these accessories should be added for reference.

## **Response:**

Thank you for your insightful comments. We hope that the following revisions will appropriately address your prior suggestions.

1. Cholangioscopic images can be found in Figure 3.
2. Further information regarding DPOCs has been added to the introduction



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(expanded references) and management of difficult biliary stones and indeterminate biliary strictures subsections.

3. Details regarding the SpyScopy DSII have been added to the introduction.
4. Figure 2 legend has been updated with requested details.