

To: Lian-Sheng Ma, President and Company Editor-in-Chief

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Re: ESPS Manuscript NO: 4679

Title: Migration of a of biliary stent causing duodenal perforation and biliary peritonitis

Thank you for your e-mail. We have modified the manuscript as suggested by the reviewers. Please find below the answers to some of the queries of the reviewers.

- 1. 1st ERCP was done on: 1 April 2013
2nd ERCP was done on: 9 April 2013
He presented to our hospital on: 24 April 2013
He was operated on: 24 April 2013**
- 2. ERCP was done in another hospital and they reported a possible biliary stricture. This was according to the report. We could not recognize the stricture also on the x-ray. There was however biliary dilatation which was reported in the legend to Figure 1.**
- 3. A laparoscopic cholecystectomy was planned. We did not find an indication for NBD since a stent was already inserted.**
- 4. We do agree that biliary stent can easily migrate following balloon dilatation after sphincterotomy. We however prefer using a bigger stent or multiple stents rather than NBD.**
- 5. MRCP was requested as an outpatient procedure but the patient did not show for the procedure.**

I hope this will meet your requirements.

Yours sincerely,

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