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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: Endoscopic management of benign biliary strictures.docx).

Title: Endoscopic Management of Benign Biliary Strictures

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Thank you for reviewing our submission to *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy* entitled "Endoscopic Management of Benign Biliary Strictures" (ESPS Manuscript No: 18895). We appreciate the comments from the reviewers and have responded to each of the items raised in the review, as presented below and in the revised manuscript (highlighted in yellow). These comments have certainly improved the manuscript and we appreciate the opportunity to return it to you for consideration of publication.

- 1) The format of the cover page has been updated.
- 2) Revisions have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers:

Reviewer 1

- a. No suggestions were made.

Reviewer 2

- a. The Bumpy SEMS from TaeWoong Medical was added to Table 3.
- b. The Puestow procedure was clarified as a type of pancreaticojejunostomy.
- c. Two additional studies were cited to demonstrate that the potential for tissue hyperplasia with partially covered SEMS still exists, despite the findings reported in the study by Kahaleh et al.

Reviewer 3

- a. A brief description of methods to assess for malignancy was added, in addition to emphasizing their importance.
- b. A section on anastomotic strictures in patients with surgically altered anatomy was added.
- c. A brief section on adverse events related to endoscopic management of biliary strictures was added.

Thank you again for all your efforts in reviewing our manuscript and considering it for publication in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*.

Sincerely yours,

Kavel H. Visrodia
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