

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 12379-review.doc).

**Title: Diagnostic value of MRCP in choledocholithiasis: A systematic review and meta-analysis**

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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

(1) Grammatical errors in the text should be corrected.

Answer: We have corrected some grammatical errors in the article, you can check it in the revised paper.

(2) All the abbreviations should be spelled; example MDCT.

Answer: We have spelled all the abbreviations in the revised paper.

(3) If possible the authors should provide information whether bile ducts dilatation has been evaluated and retrieved. The authors mentioned many clinical parameters in the discussion which can help in the correct diagnostic assessment. Also this finding could be an useful findings.

Answer: we are so sorry for uncollected enough data about bile ducts dilatation, because most of included studies were not supported relevantly information.

(4) The manuscript is well written and the method for statistical evaluation is properly used. In the clinical situation, it is sometimes difficult to correctly detect small stones or sludge as well as multiple stones by MRCP. If authors could describe the difference of accuracy in these situations, the paper will have better impact.

Answer: we also recognized that it was important to analysis the diagnostic value of MRCP in small stones or sludge, and compared with ERCP. However, most of included studies were not supported similar data. And this shortage may be the direction in the future research.

(5) Introduction needs to be revised. For example "Cholelithiasis is the most common biliary pathology" should read Cholelithiasis is a common disorder. English can be improved further

Answer: we have corrected this according your suggestion.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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