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Greetings from the Guest Editor

Foremost, it's an honor to be a guest editor this special issue of *International Journal of Gastrointestinal Intervention* (IJGII).

Since the 1st endoscopic sphincterotomy performed by Dr. Classen and Kawai in 1974, diagnosis and treatment of biliary tract diseases have made great advancement.

This issue of the IJGII focuses on the 'Recent update of diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) in biliary diseases.'

After much contemplation in proposing this issue's theme and selecting the authors, I have invited 6 renowned academics in the field of biliary tract diseases in Korea. This issue would not have been possible without their hard work and dedicated submission.

In this special issue, I have excluded papers on endoscopic ultrasound, as it has been covered in many of our previous issues. This issue is dedicated on recent topics of research and interest in the field of ERCP: Approaching indeterminate biliary stricture, local tumor therapy in patients with biliary carcinoma, proper management of malignant hilar obstruction, peroral cholangioscopy, and ERCP in patients with surgically altered anatomy.

As a guest editor and President of Society of Gastrointestinal Intervention (SGI), I hope the readers find this issue informative and I ask for your continued support and interest in our journal and SGI.

Once again, I would like to extend my thanks to invited authors for their publications.

Sincerely,

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