

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

Dear Author,

We thank you and the reviewers for the valuable suggestions to improve the educational value of the manuscript. The pointwise response to the comments is as follows:

Reviewer 1:

1. In the introduction paragraph “This approach is associated with higher rates of mortality and longer duration of hospital stay (6)”, It seems that the results from ref.6 show similar mortality rate.

Answer: This has now been corrected as suggested.

2. A few conclusions have no reference

- 2.1 Introduction paragraph “ Endoscopic ultrasound helps in performing intrahepatic (hepatogastrostomy) and extrahepatic (choledochoduodenostomy, choledochojejunostomy) drainage procedures with success rate above 90% but is associated with significant complications”.

Answer: The reference (No – 13) has now been added.

- 2.2 In the techniques part, “...and internal drainage is attempted two-four days later. This approach often helps in reducing the inflammation and edema and increases the chances of negotiating the stricture”.

Answer: References (20,22) have now been added.

- 2.3 In the complications of PTBD and stenting paragraph, “...Acute pancreatitis is uncommon but may be severe and is seen in less than 5% patients.

Answer: References (38,39) have now been added.

3. Could you state the complications after intraluminal palliative therapy?

Answer: This information has now been added.

4. Could you add summarize table about the indications, advantage, technique, complications, limitation or caution for each procedure? That would be very helpful for reader.

Answer: A summary table (table 1) has been now added as suggested.

5. For figure 10, the explanation of picture A and B might be wrong.

Answer: This has now been corrected.

Reviewer 2:

Very interesting paper. The manuscript is interesting and well written. The discussion is very explicative and the images clarify the manuscript. I recommend publication.

Answer: Thank you.

With warm regards,
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