

To

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Editors-in-chief

Prof. Ze-Mao Gong
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Dear Editors,

We are resubmitting the review article entitled “Therapeutic approaches for portal biliopathy: a systematic review” hoping it will be accepted for publication.

According to the editor’s and reviewers’ comments, the following modifications were done:

A. Editor’s comments:

- ESPS manuscript number was updated.
- Padova post code was added.
- Abbreviations and acronyms were checked.
- Bibliography was checked for repeated references: reference 15 and 36 corresponded to the same paper, so reference 36 was deleted and following references were renumbered.
- Audio core tip was added.

- The manuscript was checked and updated according to the Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision-Review.
- Conflict-of interest statement was present in the first version of the manuscript, and an additional conflict-of-interest certificate was uploaded.
- Copyright assignment was added.
- The manuscript was not supported by any foundations.
- The final title was subject to Google Scholar search and results were uploaded.
- The manuscript was subject to plagiarism check and results were uploaded (plagiarisma.net was used; CrossCheck is not free and for this reason is not available at our department).
- The manuscript was reviewed by a native English speaker as demonstrated by the uploaded certificate.

B. Reviewers' comments:

- Reviewer 02438888

"This systematic review analyzed therapeutic approaches of PB based on classification and characteristics of PB. Firstly, the authors concisely reviewed the pathogenesis, diagnosis, classification, clinical manifestations and natural history of PB. Then they mainly focused on therapeutic approaches of PB including endoscopic, radiological and surgical modalities. The methods, outcome, and complications of different interventions were assessed and combined therapy was discussed in detail. Finally, the authors presented an algorithm for management of PB. In general, this review described all available therapeutic approaches for PB and analyzed the advantage and disadvantage of various modalities. This paper presented useful information to practical physicians who deal with patients with PB.

Unfortunately, only one database was used to search relative literature in this review and this strategy may lead to omission of literature. A flow chart of literature search should be added".

We thank the reviewer for the comment. Even if only one database was used for literature research, bibliography of papers resulted from the search were analyzed and additional papers focused on treatment of portal biliopathy were added. The flow chart of literature search was added as Figure 1.

- Reviewer 01800952

"A well written review on a subject which has been discussed in other journals recently".

We thank the reviewer for the comment. Portal biliopathy is a rare clinical condition, however the crescent attention for portal vein thrombosis and its complications in last years leaded to an increased interest also in this biliary tree abnormality.

The new version of the manuscript and the requested documents were uploaded online.

Kind regards

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