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**Name of journal:** World Journal of Gastroenterology

**ESPS manuscript NO:** 31372

**Title:** Therapeutic experience in 289 elderly patients of biliary diseases

### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The article studied an adequate sample size of elderly patients with biliary disease. A positive point of the study is that all patients underwent the same protocol and conducts. Currently, there is a more aggressive trend towards the surgical treatment of these patients based on data from the recent literature, using better imaging and endoscopic methods for diagnosis and surgical techniques. However, the study does not perform a long-term follow-up (1 or 2 years) of the patient's natural history after the procedure. The work deserves to be published, but a grammatical revision is required.

#### **Authors, response:**

**1. the revised manuscript has added:** *Follow-up* All cured and improved patients in the operative group and non operative group, followed up for 6~42 months, were healthy. The recurrence rate of common bile duct stones was 2.1% (2/96) in the operative group. The recurrence rate of cholecystitis was 40.7% (33/81) in the non operative group.

**2. the grammatical revision has been made:** see Language Certificate.