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## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors have presented a large series of patients who have undergone ERCP for malignant strictures. Each patient has undergone a trans-ampullary biopsy with a Boston Scientific radial Jaw 4 biopsy forcep and the authors have presented very good sensitivity with this instrument. The manuscript is generally interesting and offers useful clinical information to those who carry out ERCP. There are a number of grammatical errors that would benefit from correction but the study is worthy of publication.



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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is good study exploring the efficacy and diagnostic value of a new slim forceps by Boston. I suggest the followings: 1.Remove figure 3 and b as they are not needed. 2.Compare your finding to your historic series of using the ordinary forceps during ERCP.This will contrast the new forceps against your previous forceps. 3.Please comments more on the experience of endoscopist who perform the biopsy,there are variations and I think endoscopist experience is one of the factors to influence sensitivity and specificity. 4.Lots of repetitions in the text ,please be concise. 5.What is your benchmark tests ?AT YOUR INSTITUTION; what is the gold standard test to diagnose biliary cancer if biopsy [ERCP] fails to diagnose it?



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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The study considers the important diagnostic problem of the etiology of the biliary strictures. These diagnostic difficulties are worldwide known and many cases can be treated without etiological definition. The contribution of this study is valuable. The manuscript shows a complete description of the particular technique in a large number of the patients with clare indication of the limits and difficulties. The discussion is very exhaustive with the comparison of the various procedures.



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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a study of consecutive 360 cases to evaluate the benefit of novel slim biopsy forceps for diagnosis of biliary strictures. In this study, the authors inserted biliary tree using biopsy forceps via the papilla after EST and successfully took the specimens. They calculate the sensitivity, specificity, PPV, NPV, and accuracy and concluded that the transpapillary biopsy was feasible and reliable for diagnosing biliary strictures. It is an interesting study and may have benefit for clinical gastroenterologists. However, I am interested that how many of the studied patients having "long common channel" that are more common in the oriental population. In this situation, is it an easy procedure to do? Suggest the authors discuss more in this point of view.



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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The paper deals with the problem of obtaining reliable biopsies from lesions in the biliary tree. Evidently the methods described here yields a progress in this field. The paper is well written, some minor language polishing might be possible.