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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a very thoughtful and well-written review of the topic of biliary strictures after LDLT. I have the following comments: 1) Page 8. The authors talk about 'reserving liver biopsy only for cases where a stricture is highly likely;. Surely, a liver biopsy is really

done to exclude other causes of biochemical abnormalities such as rejection rather than strictures 2) They mention a HIGA scan as an excellent test for bile leaks but they do not use a reference for this. 3) Can the authors give some more details on how they use the ratio of prox duct diameter/recipient duct diameter. 4) On page 13, they described unpublished data from Tokyo- how were these data obtained by them? Was it persona communication or from a presentation/abstract?

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors well summarized the definition, the diagnosing process, the treatment of biliary strictures in living donor liver transplantation. The manuscript is well-organized and well-written. I really enjoyed reading this review. Although the manuscript is worth

being published in the current form, I would like to raise 4 recommendations as follows.

1. A flow chart showing the authors' recommended diagnostic and treatment strategies for biliary strictures after LDLT would be very helpful for readers. 2. There are a lot of improper capitalization in this manuscript. They should be corrected. 3. In Table 1, there is no need for showing decimals in the column of biliary stricture. 4. In the chapter titled "Diagnostic challenges," the definition of "functionally significant obstruction" should be explicitly stated.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors of this paper clearly summarize the main topics of biliary complications in living donor liver transplantation. The manuscript is satisfactory, complete and generally well-written. It could be an useful tool in clinical setting. I would recommend

anyway an accurate revision of English language.

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