

This clinical study is concerned with comparison of functioning of three stents: uncovered, half covered or fully covered, implanted in 210 patients with malignant biliary obstruction in non-resectable stage. Occlusion, migration and inflammatory complication were analysed and finally the use of half covered stent was recommended as optimal for biliary drainage. The results of study has a practical value and could be taken into consideration in certain group of patients. Some minor points of this paper concerns: Key words - half uncovered(?) metal stent was not examined in the study Introduction and aim - used abbreviations should be explained in this text Methods -Follow up; The second sentence is incomplete. Errors in the text should be corrected such as: page 6 - "stricture" page 8 "cholangitis" numerous errors in Reference list (no 21, 24, 33, incomplete no 17) References: Most of the cited references were published more than 5 years ago, only 20% of references present recent informations. References must be updated.

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