

Dear Editors and Reviewers:

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers' comments concerning our manuscript entitled "Novel brachytherapy drainage tube loaded with double ¹²⁵I strands for hilar cholangiocarcinoma: A case report". Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our researches. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval. The responds to the reviewer's comments are as flowing:

Reviewer #1:

Specific Comments to Authors: This is an interesting case of hilar cholangiocarcinoma treatment using novel brachytherapy drainage tube. The case is presented clearly, however the manuscript is lacking a proper and in-depth discussion. I would suggest a major revision and re-reviewing the manuscript.

In the discussion part, we have added some content in order to solve the previous problems. Compared with other treatment methods, we discussed the advantages and disadvantages of this new treatment method in the clinical application process, thus enriching the content of the discussion.

Reviewer #2:

Specific Comments to Authors: The authors report an interesting case of brachytherapy treatment in hilar cholangiocarcinoma. They present patient and treatment data in a concise and illustrative manner, and patient follow-up for an extended period of time. There are, however, grammar inconsistencies in the English language writing, and major review is necessary before publication.

For grammatical problems in English writing, we sent the manuscript to MedSci for revision again. We have made more than 30 revisions. And we asked a native-English speaker edit the manuscript for grammar, sentence structure, word usage, spelling, punctuation, format, and general readability to meet the publishing requirements as much as possible.

Reviewer #3:

Specific Comments to Authors: The authors have reported new customized brachytherapy drainage tube for Bismuth-Corlette type IIIa hilar cholangiocarcinoma with good details of treatment protocol and outcome. Since there are various institute-based customized stents in this treatment as mentioned in discussion part, could the authors discuss more details comparing pros and cons among each of treatment, then compare with this one (if possible).

In response to this new treatment method, in the discussion section, compared with

other brachytherapy and interventional treatment methods, we increased more details of its advantages and disadvantages.

Reviewer #4:

Specific Comments to Authors: This article presents a nice innovation for the treatment of a pathology that often has a poor prognosis. In medicine, news is always well accepted. I am waiting for a study on a higher number of patients. Great job.

Thank you for your recognition, and we look forward to this new treatment to benefit more patients.