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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

As the authors pointed out, data extraction errors exist in a published article titled, "Updated meta-analysis of pancreatic stent placement in preventing post-endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography pancreatitis". The investigators should provide an accurate information after correcting the data extraction errors.



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This manuscript aimed at noting to data extraction issues of the recently published article titled "Updated meta-analysis of pancreatic stent placement in preventing post-endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography pancreatitis." At first, I thank the authors for their valuable attention on finding these essential errors but after hearing the explanation of original paper authors and understand the clarification. Considering their first comment, by repeating the methodology, I reached the same problems which the authors mentioned in the current letter. Namely, in Table 1 of the meta-analysis, the authors of meta-analysis repeated one study twice with the same reference but different data. This is while, in Table 2, this issue was addressed. So, it seems that they mistakenly wrote it twice but needs to be explained. I also reviewed all references cited in the repeated study (Tarnasky et al.-Reference number 12) to see if there is any related research; however, I couldn't find anything. Considering the second comment, the authors of the current letter did not sufficiently explain the problems related to inconsistencies between Table 1 and Figure 1(A). Therefore, I kindly ask the authors to more precisely elucidate what the problem is. For instance, they can bring about the correct information of the problematic cited studies in this Figure, and explain how they differ from which the authors of the meta-analysis wrote in their article. Except for which the authors mentioned in this letter, I found out that such inconsistencies also exist between Table 1 and Figure 1(B) of the meta-analysis. So, I ask the authors to please add this comment to the letter, as well. Please correct the following language/general problems: 1. Please change "was" to "were" in this sentence: "Two of the 15 studies were labeled with the same reference, but the extracted data was different." 2. Please change "differs" to "differ" in the caption of Fig.1: "The two underlined studies are labeled with



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