

## RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS' COMMENT

### Reviewer #1:

The authors present a thorough review on hepatopancreatoduodenectomy for management of gallbladder cancer and extrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma. I believe with some adjustments, this review may be acceptable for publication.

We thank our reviewer for acknowledging the interest of our work.

First, in the abstract change "being liver failure and pancreatic" to "while liver failure and ..."

The suggested correction has been made.

Second, please insert citations immediately after mentioning an author (example: in historical perspective, add citation after mentioning Kuno et al". Do this all throughout the manuscript.

Citations in the text have been modified as suggested.

Third, a section on limitations of the study is needed. Mentioning that the search was limited to English only articles and other possible limitations faced must be added.

In the last section, the following part was added:

"We recognize that the present review has some limitations, in that it includes only articles published in English in the time-lapse 2015-2020. Moreover, in the included studies, the indications for the HPD procedure were heterogeneous. However, this work has some points of strength since it addresses the insights from the most recent experiences in the use of HPD, thus it may be useful as an update review for best practices in the clinical setting."

Fourth, adding a flow diagram on the selection process of included papers would be beneficial. Perhaps use the PRISMA flow diagram as a template. This would enrich the paper and search strategy.

A PRISMA flowchart of the study search and selection in this review was reported in Figure 2.

Mention all inclusion and exclusion criteria in the methodology section as well.

In the second section "Literature search and review design", to better specify the aim of the review the following sentences were added:

"...in January 2021 to identify studies in English reporting on HPD during the time-frame 2015-2020, with the aim of focusing on the most recent insights in the use of this complex procedure."

"To be included in the present review, the articles had to report on at least 10 cases of HPD intended as simultaneous hepatic resection and PD. Case reports, small case-series, and articles in which HPD was not used for biliary cancer were excluded."

## EDITORIAL OFFICE'S COMMENTS

Authors must revise the manuscript according to the Editorial Office's comments and suggestions, which are listed below:

### (1) *Science editor:*

Self-cited references: There are 5 self-cited references. The self-referencing rates should be less than 10%. Please keep the reasonable self-citations (i.e. those that are most closely related to the topic of the manuscript) and remove all other improper self-citations.

We would like to highlight that all references are related to the topic of the manuscript, including self references, which focused on liver and pancreatic cancer. However, self-citation in reference #32 has been substituted with a more consistent article on pancreatic fistula. The self-referring rate is now below 10%.

(1) The "Author Contributions" section is missing. Please provide the author contributions;  
The author contributions section is now in the title page.

(2) The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor.

Figure 1 and Figure 2 have been submitted as Power Point files.

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Please note that the Figure 1 is a picture illustrating the MRI of a patient from our institution, that has never been used before for any publications.