

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: WJH-HC.doc).

Title: Palliation: Hilar cholangiocarcinoma

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Reviewer No- 02439777

- We have now included our suggestion in the last para and have given a simple algorithm in Figure 8.
- 1. English editing has been done by professionals. (Certificate enclosed)
- 2. This article deals only with palliation of Hilar cholangiocarcinoma and have not touched upon the role of endoscopy in operable cases.
- 3. As mentioned, treatment modality based on Bismuth type has been summarized in the last para as well as in Figure 8.
- 4. Importance of additional percutaneous procedure has been mentioned on Page 7
- 5. Indication of percutaneous & EUS-guided biliary drainage is clearly mentioned in last Para under Guideline and conclusion
- 6. Table 1 has been modified and reference given (Reference No-6)
- 7. Sectoral duct means right anterior, right posterior & left hepatic duct. This is now explained. (also refer to p.626, Dumorceau et al, Endoscopy 2011; 43: 617-626)
- 8. Adjuvant therapy has been changed to “Local ablative therapy” as suggested.
- 9. Eastern Hemisphere” changed to “Countries in Asia”
- 10. As mentioned Figure 8 & last para mentions it.

Reviewer No 01544019

1. Fig 2 legend modified
2. Fig 3 legend modified
3. Table 1 modified and reference given (Reference No 6)
4. Sign meant significant p value, we have now given exact p value
5. Necessary changes in Table 3 done as per suggestion
6. Changes done in Table 5
7. Figures are from authors and so no reference required. Explanation of each figure done.
8. Necessary changes in Fig 5 done
9. Correction done
10. Necessary changes done in Figure 7
11. Fig 8 (in original manuscript) has been omitted.
12. Ref no 50 (original draft) now Ref no 57, has been inserted in text
13. Reference proposed by reviewer is now included

Reviewer No 02445558

1. We agree with the reviewer. We have given more data on chemotherapy & included new references (69-73) including two studies (ABC 01 & 02 trials) suggested. We feel we may not now change the heading of article but if reviewer and editor want to modify it to “locoregional palliation” rather than “palliation” its fine with us.
2. Reference No 20 added to support the statement of 25% drainage being sufficient
3. High failure rate of hilar stenting has been mentioned in respect to “endotherapy of hilar tumor” being a complex procedure compared to simpler ERCP procedures. A new reference no. has been added in this respect.
4. The lack of RCT for endotherapy vs percutaneous drain has been further emphasized
5. Gut 2002 & 2012 by Khan et al have been added (Ref no. 23, 24).
6. Hepatico jejunostomy have been replaced by hepatico-gastrostomy
7. Significance of co-morbidity as limiting factor for resectability is mentioned in text. Table 1 has been modified and reference given (Ref no- 6)
8. Table 2 now shows exact p values.

9. Data given in Table 4 & 5 are of great importance (through they are old data). Unfortunately there are no new data to add to these tables.
10. Figure 8 (of the original manuscript) has been removed
11. English has been improved with the help of professionals (Certificate enclosed)

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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