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PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

Manuscript NO: 47071

Title: Should a Fully Covered Self-Expandable Biliary Metal Stent be Anchored with a Double-Pigtail Plastic Stent? A Retrospective Study

Reviewer's code: 02551224

Reviewer's country: Italy

Science editor: Ying Dou

Reviewer accepted review: 2019-03-08 14:33

Reviewer performed review: 2019-03-08 16:03

Review time: 1 Hour

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Authors, The manuscript entitled "Should a Covered Self-Expandable Biliary Metal Stent be Anchored with a Double-Pigtail Plastic Stent? A retrospective Study" aims to answer this question by analyzing the differences in migration rate between two groups of patients, in which fully covered self-expandable metal stents (FCSEMSs) were used alone or in combination with double-pigtail plastic stents (DPS), to prevent migration. The conclusion was that there was no difference in migration rate between the two groups. In this retrospective analysis uncovered stents were excluded, as well as plastic stents. I think it would have been useful to know also the migration rate of uncovered stents, for comparison. Anyway, with the limits of the retrospective nature and the lack of randomization, this study is of some interest for gastroenterologists performing these procedures, and I think it deserves publication.



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Answer: Thank you for your valuable feedback and review. I agree with you. It would be useful to know the migration rate of uncovered metal stent and make a comparison but as you said it is a retrospective study and this study would motivate further prospective randomized studies in the future.



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Reviewer's country: Italy

Science editor: Ying Dou

Reviewer accepted review: 2019-03-08 05:37

Reviewer performed review: 2019-03-11 09:11

Review time: 3 Days and 3 Hours

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors report the migration rate after fully covered self-expandable biliary metal stent with or without a double-pigtail plastic stent. The work, which is a retrospective study, considers too many variables (neoplastic stenosis, benign stenosis, bile leaks, post-sphincterotomy bleeding). The series is limited. The results of the comparison between FCSEMSs alone vs FCSEMSs with a Double-Pigtail Plastic Sten are generic and not related to the variables taken into consideration.

Answer: Thank you for your feedback and review. We included variables regarding all the indications for stent placements to increase the size of study population and I agree with you as sometimes this can be taking over the advantage of being specific, but we were able to investigate the difference in the migration rate between those who underwent FCSEMS alone vs. FCSEMS plus PDS.



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Reviewer's code: 02551508

Reviewer's country: Turkey

Science editor: Ying Dou

Reviewer accepted review: 2019-03-08 09:45

Reviewer performed review: 2019-03-12 13:44

Review time: 4 Days and 3 Hours

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for submitting a manuscript to the journal. Please add description of the anti-migration technique to the method section

Answer: Thank you for your kind review. Description of antimigration technique was added to the method section.



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Reviewer's country: Turkey

Science editor: Ying Dou

Reviewer accepted review: 2019-03-08 06:23

Reviewer performed review: 2019-03-22 06:43

Review time: 14 Days

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Authors, This manuscript titled " Should a Fully Covered Self-Expandable Biliary Metal Stent be Anchored with a Double-Pigtail Plastic Stent? A Retrospective Study " should be published at WJG. There is no new information but it is well documented. Sincerely yours.

Answer: Thank you for your kind review and feedback. Appreciated!



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Title: Should a Fully Covered Self-Expandable Biliary Metal Stent be Anchored with a Double-Pigtail Plastic Stent? A Retrospective Study

Reviewer's code: 00038617

Reviewer's country: Japan

Science editor: Ying Dou

Reviewer accepted review: 2019-03-10 14:23

Reviewer performed review: 2019-03-24 09:06

Review time: 13 Days and 18 Hours

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors conducted a retrospective study, in single center setting, to examine the factors associated with increased risk of stent migration in patients who underwent FCSEMS placement. According to their results, overall migration rate was 9.7%. There was no significant association between anchoring the FCSEMSs with DPS and the risk of stent migration. The rates of benign biliary stricture and previous sphincterotomy were significantly different between patients with stent migration and patients with no stent migration. Therefore, they concluded that anchoring an FCSEMS with DPS did not decrease the risk of stent migration and routine placement of anchoring stents is unnecessary. This study has some value in clinical practice. There are several problems in this paper as it stands. I request the following revisions for publication. (1) Overall patient characteristics should be presented in Table 1, at first. Thereafter, comparison between patients with and without stent migration should be presented in Table 2. (2) In results of



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the abstract, the last sentence should be revised. ---a statistically significant difference in the migration rate between patients who had FCSEMS with DPS and FCSEMS alone. Is this not a mistake? (3) Figure 2-5 is not necessary in this paper.

Answer: Thank you so much for your kind review and feedback.

1- Sure. I will submit the following tables as you requested:

Table 1: overall patient's characteristics and

Table2 comparison between patients with and without stent migration

2- In results of the abstract, the last sentence should be revised. ---a statistically significant difference in the migration rate between patients who had FCSEMS with DPS and FCSEMS alone. Is this not a mistake? Yes, this statement reflects only patients with the previous sphincterotomy and begin biliary stricture (p-value = 0.01).

3- Figure 2-5 is not necessary in this paper. I will delete 2-5 figures.