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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This meta-analysis is well written. It is true that retrospective studies were involved, however it can't be helped.



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To Authors This study proposes a topic of great interest in the palliative treatment of inoperable high grade biliary stricture. The method applied in the research is correct: data source and primary and secondary endpoints are appropriate for research; the



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criteria of quality in the selection of the papers are valid and also the statistical analysis. I have an observation about the outcomes evaluated in the study: it's not clear the distinction between the primary endpoint as reintervention due to the stent failure and late adverse event with the stent malfunction as stent obstructionetc. The Results are conceivable. Well developed the Discussion. Very clear the Table and Figures. The references are up-to-date.

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