

Reviewer 1

1. Please provide a data availability statement if it is applicable.

A data availability statement has been made available at the end of the Materials and Methods section

2. Please clarify why other search engines were not used (like Medline, Ovid journals, EMBASE, etc.).

EMBASE and Cochrane added to the study. With the current set timeframe there were no new abstracts or manuscripts that met our inclusion criteria. There was a study published outside of the timeframe that did meet inclusion criteria (10.1016/j.gie.2020.12.016). There were however 6 studies added to the ERFA pool and 2 studies that were added to the PDT pool.

Reviewer 2

1. For systematic search, why did only the authors perform their search in the PubMed database and other relevant databases not considered?

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2. In the abstract, in METHODS the time limit for performing the systematic search should be added.

The timeframe for the included studies was added to the methods section in the abstract.

3. In Quality Assessment of Included Studies, 'To better assess the quality of individual studies, we used the Newcastle-Ottawa scale (NOS) for retrospective case-control studies and the Cochrane tool for risk of bias for randomized controlled trials' please add the following references for these sentences: (10.1002/jcsm.13043; 10.1002/jmv.27996)

10.1002/jmv.27996 added to reflect additional reference for use of the Newcastle-Ottawa Scale

4. In Statistical Analysis, 'Between-study heterogeneity was reported with the I2 statistic with values greater than 50 suggestive of substantial heterogeneity.' please add the following references for these sentences: (10.1016/j.physio.2021.04.005; 10.1093/ptj/pzab144).

10.1016/j.physio.2021.04.005 added to reflect additional reference for between study heterogeneity

Company Editor in Chief:

1. **The title of the manuscript is too long and must be shortened to meet the requirement of the journal (Title: The title should be no more than 18 words)**

Title cut to 14 words

Endoscopic Biliary Treatment of Unresectable Cholangiocarcinoma: A Meta-Analysis of Survival Outcomes and Systematic Review