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Dear Editor-in-chief,

We have reviewed the manuscript entitled "**Impact of previous cyst-enterostomy on patients' outcome following resection of Bile Duct Cysts**" by Ouaissi et al. according to the reviewer's and the Editor's comments.

Reviewer 1 :

The authors should clearly conclude from their and other studies that bile duct resection and not CE is the therapy of choice of Todani types I and IVb BDC.

We have clarified the conclusion as follows:

-According to the work of Todani who observed a rate of 50 % of carcinoma in patient with previous cyst-enterostomy (*Carcinoma related to choledochal cysts with internal drainage operations. Surg Gynecol Obstet* 1987), we observed a 31% of synchronous cancer in previous cyst-enterostomy patients.

-The limitation of small number patients with CE and the retrospective study could not permit to analyze the relation between patient's age and the symptom in previous cyst enterostomy patients. This retrospective bias was reported in the discussion.

- The major complications were due to the high rate combined resections (hepatectomy or pancreaticoduodenectomies) in previous cyst enterostomy patients.

Reviewers 2- and 3

-The limit of the retrospective study and the small number of patients was reported in the discussion.

-We have corrected manuscript according to the editor comments

- Concerning DOI have added in the reference when it's present in the cross ref web site

Looking forward to your answer,

Yours faithfully,

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