

Dear Editor,


Concerning our paper titled *"Efficacy and safety of endoscopic papillary balloon dilation for the removal of bile duct stones: data from a "real-life" multicenter study on Dilation-Assisted Stone Extraction (DASE)"*, on behalf of all authors I declare that the manuscript, including related data, figures and tables has not been previously published and that the manuscript is not under consideration elsewhere.

I declare that the authors have not conflicts of interest.

Best regards

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Di Mitri', written in a cursive style.