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PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: Characterization of major constituents of biofilms adhering to indwelling biliary stents and relation to potential factors involved in their occlusion.

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Reviewer's country: Mexico

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Manuscript Title: Characterization of major constituents of biofilms adhering to indwelling biliary stents and relation to potential factors involved in their occlusion.
Manuscript No. 36468 This is an interesting study very useful in the clinical practice. However, some information is missing. Comments: • What about the anthropometric measurements of the patients? • How many patients were diabetics? • It is important to consider in this group of patients to analyze the comorbidity index • I suggest analyze your results by gender and age group • Conclusion section. I suggest rewrite this section. In its current form, it does not look as a conclusion.

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1. What's the concept of biofilms? Is it right to use the word "biofilms" for the biliary sludge in the occluded stent? If it is reasonable to use this concept of biofilms, please depict why? 2. In fact, the authors detected the constituents from biliary stent retrieval, such as bacteria, protein and polysaccharide, which is not biofilms. 3. As a foreign body, indwelling a biliary stent inevitably ensues future occlusion, the best way to avoid stent occlusion is early removal.

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Summary of the present manuscript The authors performed the present prospective study to elucidate factors involved in the occlusion of biliary stent. The authors pointed out some factors relating to the stent occlusion, but some major points seem to be addressed. Major points. 1. Abstract, and Materials & Methods sections. The quality of the biliary stent material, or producing company was not reported. 2. Results. Were the all biliary stents placed endoscopically? 3. Results. Main data of the present study does not seem attractive. Can the authors analyze when to replace the biliary stent to avoid stent occlusion or cholangitis based on their molecular analysis? 4. Discussion. The authors should elucidate something new to prevent biliary stent occlusion or cholangitis.