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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

the authors describe two cases of Percutaneous Transhepatic Cholangioscopy and Lithotripsy for choledocholithiasis. Overall the manuscript is well written and easy to read, and relevant clinical information and mages are nicely presented. Here are some



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suggestions for revisions for the authors: 1-the authors mention that the enteroscopy assisted scopes have "fewer" working channels, this should probably be "smaller" working channel because both scopes have one channel. 2-presenting patients separately is better and easier to read than presenting them concurrently. I suggest to present case 1 completely first including the associated figures, then start case 2 and complete it separately. -figure1 looks like an MRI not CT SCAN, please check for that. -FIGURE 2 IS NOT CLEAR, dark, -figure 3 : add arrow to point out the stone. -figure 4: mentions that the stricture was traversed with a wire , but the wire is not shown. -the text in the treatment section also mentions that the choledochoduodenostomy stricture was traversed but the figures do not show the wire. -the sentence cytology excluded malignancy should probably be replaced with "cytology did showed normal cells" or "cytology did not show malignancy". cytology in general does not exclude malignancy due to low sensitivity. --"administering prophylactic antibiotics targeting Enterococci and gram-negative bacilli. " please mention the exact antibiotics that were used in each case.

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