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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Authors reviewed endoscopic therapy in CCA. This review was interesting, but novel findings were lacking. References should be up-dated. In Fig. 6A, patient's name might be found.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well-written review article addressing the role of endoscopic therapy in extrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma (eCCA). The topic is important given the late diagnosis of eCCA often in a locally advanced stage unsuitable to curative surgery. Although the paper is clear and informative, and supported by an iconography of good quality, authors are encouraged to discuss more carefully their personal point view. Herein, some SPECIFIC COMMENTS to improve the quality of this study. 1. Introduction should be more focused on the specific clinical features of eCCA. 2. To strengthen the relevance of palliative endoscopic approaches in obstructive jaundice, the authors should underline that improving serum levels of bilirubin is also a prerequisite for oncologists to start with chemotherapy. 3. The authors must include a paragraph discussing the emerging role of cholangioscopy, an innovative approach in particular in eCCA arising in the setting of primary sclerosing cholangitis. 4. It is important to underline that ERCP-directed radiofrequency ablation and photodynamic therapy are associated with comparable survival in the treatment of unresectable cholangiocarcinoma (see Strand DS et al, Gastrointest Endosc 2014). 5. Conclusions are a bit shallow and quite rushed. The reviewer suggests expanding them with a personal interpretation of the outlines, and highlighting the future directions of the endoscopic approaches in the clinical management of eCCA. Is there any room for molecular targeting by endoscopy?

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Cholangiocarcinoma (CCA) is the most aggressive malignant tumor of the biliary tract. Surgery is the only treatment possibly providing long-term survival, but only few patients are considered resectable at the time of diagnosis. The authors reviewed palliative treatments of the patients with CCA. Indeed, palliative biliary decompression by transpapillary or percutaneous insertion of biliary stent is an important tool in non-resectable patients. Endoscopic radiofrequency ablation in combination with stenting may improve survival in CCA and likely improves stent patency. Similarly, photodynamic therapy may reduce stent blockage and has some mortality benefit. However, the authors should emphasize that an individualized approach is needed with perihilar CCA and distal CCA, and they are not effective for intrahepatic CCA. Brachytherapy plays a limited but specific role in treatment CCA. Clinical indications, different techniques, results, and complications associated with the procedure should be described in more detail. I think that the title of the article is not correct. I would like to draw your attention to deficiency publications over the past five years (10 - 11%).

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. Title should be more precise and reflect the importance and need of this mini-review.
2. In last line of abstract, the spellings of improve should be corrected.
3. Latest work/references should be added to to support the introduction and review.
4. Biliary Drainage Before and After Liver Resection should also be discussed in detail.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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Very good!