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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This article is significant as a prospective study; however, this is not a new topic. You should investigate 90 years or older. Further, please indicate the statistically required sample size.



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This paper is the prospective study to clarify the characteristics of ERCP in the elderly. However, there are several points that should be revised. 1. Several abbreviations should be spelled out in the main text (ERCP, PEP, CCI,...). 2. How did authors determine the sample size of this study? 3. What is the anatomy of the papilla? Authors should explain it. 4. The name of group is difficult to understand. Would you please change the name of group (for example, Younger group, or Older group)? 5. Figure 1 is difficult to understand. Patients who were difficult to cannulate should be set below the "Based on age". 6. The "RESULTS" section is wordy. The authors should describe compactly. 7. Is the Table 3 necessary? This is the comparison between three groups. The authors should perform sub effect tests. 7. What is the definitions of Charlson score, Second ERCP, papillary morphology, CCI? The authors should explain the examination items in the "METHOD" part. 8. There were few patients who got PEP to perform the multivariate analysis. 9. The DISCUSSION section is lengthy. You should describe about the items that was statistically different between two groups.



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The research team performed a prospective study regarding adverse events of ERCP on super aged patients. It was a well conducted prospective study, although information regarding sample size calculation are missing. A few notes to help improve the overall quality of the study are attached.



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This paper addresses cannulation difficulty and complications of ERCP in patients over 80 yrs of age. 1. The methodology is neither clear nor uniform. Specific questions with regard to cannulation are as follows a. What was the technique used initially ? Is it sphincterotome with guidewire or cannula with guidewire. b. If the initial attempts fail does the endoscopist go to needle knife or pancreatic sphincterotomy, in any particular order uniformly in every patient or does the endoscopist pick and choose the technique based on his expertise. 2. Almost 1/3rd of the patient underwent ERCP had difficult cannulation. This seems to be much higher than the published data. 3. The number of patients in the difficult cannulation group over 80 yrs of age is very small compared to those who are under 80 yrs of age. Can this affect the statistics ? 4. The total number in table 2 and the numbers shown for group A and group B do not add up to be equal. Minor points : 1. Change the title to ERCP in elderly patients; difficult cannulation and adverse events. 2. Page 3 para 2 : Delete the first two sentences and start with although multiple studies..... 3. Page 4 para 3 : Sentence 7 - change 'applied' to 'deployed'