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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The authors investigated whether CBD morphology and other predictors affecting CBD stone recurrence and found that CBD morphology, especially S type and polyline type, was associated with increased recurrence of CBD stones in Billroth II anatomy patients. The manuscript was well-written and documented. The study is sound and the results might be useful in clinical practice. Minor point: Please add the number of patients in the abstract.



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This single center retrospective study evaluated the risk factors associated with recurrence of CBD stones in patients with Billroth II anastomosis, with focusing on the morphology of the CBD. The authors concluded that S-type and polyline type were associated with the recurrence of CBD stones, however, I think that the definition of CBD morphology is ambiguous. The CBD morphology in Figure 5 looks like an S type rather than polyline. It is questionable whether it is necessary to distinguish between S type and polyline type. The authors are needed to define the classification of CBD morphology more specifically. How could the authors check for complete CBD stone removal at first ERCP? It seems difficult to distinguish between residual stone with recurrence. The authors should address the interval between first ERCP and recurrence. How many patients had GB stones at the time of first ERCP? How many cholecystectomy was done during the f/u period? The analysis in Table 5 seems to be meaningless because the sample size is too small. The flow diagram of study population is required.



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No special comments, thanks.