



ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: Role of early Endoscopic Ultrasonography in the management of acute biliary pancreatitis: results of a prospective pilot study.
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Table with 4 columns: CLASSIFICATION, LANGUAGE EVALUATION, SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT, CONCLUSION. It contains checkboxes for various evaluation grades and misconduct types like Google Search, Duplicate publication, and Plagiarism.

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Summary: in this manuscript, the value of endoscopic ultrasound for detecting common bile duct stones and thus selecting patients for subsequent ERCP was explored in 71 patients with acute biliary pancreatitis. % patients with bile duct stones at endoscopic ultrasound was higher in patients with moderate or high a priori risk of bile duct stones. Comments: 1. It is not entirely clear on what criteria patients were subdivided as low, intermediate or high probability of bile duct stones. 2. All patients were apparently having predicted mild pancreatitis. Were patients with predicted severe pancreatitis excluded? 3. Some important information is missing in Table 1 concerning clinical data: especially CRP (>150 considered severe pancreatitis), and duration of pancreatitis pain before the hospital admission. 4. It is not clear how long after hospital admission, endoscopic ultrasound and (if done) ERCP were performed. 5. The data from this work appear in contrast with previous studies which indicated that clinical data such as bili , bile duct dilatation with ultrasound etc had low positive and negative predictive values for presence/absence of bile duct stones (see Prediction of common bile duct stones in the earliest stages of acute biliary pancreatitis. van Santvoort HC et



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al.Endoscopy. 2011 Jan;43(1):8-13. doi: 10.1055/s-0030-1255866.). This should be discussed in the discussion section. 6. Most bile duct stones in case of biliary pancreatitis will spontaneously pass, also related to the fact that gallstones are generally small in case of biliary pancreatitis. Therefore, it is not clear that ERCP would change cause of the disease, even in case of documented bile duct stones with EUS.



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CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT	CONCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	Google Search:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> The same title	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate publication	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejected	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Poor		BPG Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision
		<input type="checkbox"/> The same title	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate publication	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Plagiarism	
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The study try to clarify a very controversial problem such as the best diagnostic approach to CDS and pancreatitis. The study is well organized and present very interesting data.



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> The same title	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate publication	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejected	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Poor		BPG Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision
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The idea is interesting and there is a lack of consensus in the literature considering this issue. The article is well written, conclusions are practical and clear. No major revisions.