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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The article is interesting, the aim is important. There are several major points to be adjusted.

1. Please add data concerning the survival rate in biliary and pancreatic neoplasia in the introduction section.
2. The information sources in the Methods paragraph should be shortened and additional data put as supplementary file.
3. Study selection is too long and should be placed in the Methods section.
4. I doubt on the importance of survival data in plastic stents patients and SEMS. The reason is the mixture between pancreatic, biliary cancer and ampuloma in many studies which were included.
5. The name of Table 1 is missing. This table should be organized without the age of the patients and with the column of biliary tumors, pancreatic tumors first, then papillae tumors, gallbladder tumor. I cannot understand what type of metastatic tumors were included.
6. In the table 3 and 4, the order of the author should be the same as in the table 2. A suggestion is to put at least table 3 as supplementary files.
7. Page 21- costs would be better seen by the reader as a table instead of a figure. Figure 12 can be deleted. The same for the time to stent dysfunction-page 24-25.
8. Survival data could be maintained if they are presented separately for different etiologies



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