

**Title: Acute cholangitis: does malignant biliary obstruction vs. choledocholithiasis etiology change the clinical presentation and outcomes?**

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**The statistical methods of this study were reviewed by our research support center, and the statistical methods and techniques mentioned are appropriate for the research.**

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