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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

General This is an important study in the field of malignant hilar biliary obstruction. Specific 1. How was the sample size calculated? Sample size is inadequate. 2. Inclusion criteria – needs further clarification- high degree of hilar block? Is it enzyme based or imaging based? Give reference. 3. Why some patients did not have jaundice even when they had type 2 or more hilar biliary obstruction? 4. How many patients had baseline cholangitis? 5. What was the criterion of diagnosis of Cholangiocarcinoma / CaGB? 6. Was MRCP done in all patients? 7. It appears contrast was injected before putting NBD/plastic stent and both sides were opacified and only one side was drained. Are we justified? 8. Was any prophylactic antibiotic used? 9. How many French of NBD/ stents were used? Whether pigtail / straight stent used? 10. How did you choose side to be drained? 11. How many patients developed cholangitis after placement of NBD/ stent for the first /second time? What was done for that? 12. How was the second stent/ NBD placed if there was already NBD in place on one side? 13. Criteria of effective /successful drainage- give reference. 14. When was the chemotherapy started? What was the criterion of giving chemotherapy? 15. Tables are too many- may be reduced. 16. Discussion to be re-written. Please include, how much to be drained? Unilateral/



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bilateral drainage; contrast versus no contrast/ minimal contrast.

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This study prospectively estimated the efficacy of an uncovered metal stent with slightly tapered shape in its distal end for the patients with malignant biliary obstruction at the liver hilum. Whereas this stent could be useful for such setting and this study could be important, there seem to be many unnatural statements and descriptions in the whole manuscript. It should be checked again by an experienced author(s). This manuscript should be substantially revised before publication.