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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Summary: in this short case report, successful endoscopic removal of ascaris from the bile duct is described. Entry of the worm into the biliary tree occurred 2 days after papillotomy and endoscopic removal of bile duct stones. Papillotomy may have facilitated entry of the worm in the bile duct. Comments: The authors state that: "ERCP, considered the gold standard for the diagnosis of biliary ascariasis, should be reserved for therapeutic rather than diagnostic use because papillotomy may lead to reentry of the worm into the common bile duct⁵. In addition, sphincterotomy is not recommended unless basket can not be introduced inside common bile duct to hold the ascaris" My question would be if antihelminics would not be sufficient to prevent entry of ascaris into the bile duct after papillotomy. 2. The authors should indicate what is the prevalence of ascaris in the Chinese population: this would allow to estimate the risk of bile duct ascaris after papillotomy.