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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

-The present study could potentially be an interesting one, should authors had followed the right way of reporting RCT's according to the CONSORT statement. -Randomization is not reported. In which way authors allocated treatment groups? Was the assessment blinded? Primary and secondary outcomes are not clearly stated. -A flow chart of the different stages of the study is not provided -Power analysis for sample size (in each of the outcomes) does not exist to justify authors' results -Authors concluded that "Roux gastroenterostomy decreases DGE, reduces LOS and associated health care costs". Healthcare costs can be estimated after a long term follow up. -There is no follow-up reported. Since the end of the study 12/20011 there is enough time to follow these patients. How many of them underwent an intervention for stent occlusion? ERCP in patients with a Roux-en-Y gastroenterostomy is expected to fail in greater percentages than conventional gastroenterostomy, which means that an operation or a Percutaneous drainage is needed. This increases costs and deteriorates patient's quality of life.