

## ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors described 3 cases of acute obstructive suppurative cholangitis which were successfully managed with EUS-CDS. The manuscript is nicely written and the topic is interesting. This manuscript can be accepted for publication in WJG after minor revision. Some minor suggestions are described below. 1.The authors should describe how to manage patient's airway while performing EUS-CDS, especially in the first patient, whose vital signs were not stable. Was the first patient intubated while receiving EUS-CDS? Some might argue against endoscopic method for treating unstable patients. 2.The authors should describe how to manage CBD stones after insertion of 2 plastic stents. Do you plan to perform EUS-RV or surgery?

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a new indication of an emerging endoscopic technique, EUS guided CD. When the ERCP failed in the patients with obstructive jaundice, patients become septic and an urgent biliary decompression becomes inevitable. As an other interventional endoscopic technique, EUS guided biliary drainage can be life saving. Here the authors described three similar cases with acute obstructive cholangitis. It is knowned that this new procedure is more common for the malign biliary obstructions. Allthough the authors claimed that this was the first report on this topic for benign diseases, a recent systematic analysis including 1186 cases of EUS guided biliay drainage reported several benign pathologies. Maybe a second check of the literature can be safer before saying the first report.

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This retrospective case series were aimed to describe three cases of successful biliary drainage with recovery from septic shock after urgent endoscopic ultrasound-guided choledocoduodenostomy was performed for acute obstructive suppurative cholangitis due to biliary lithiasis. The title is "Urgent endoscopic ultrasound-guided choledocoduodenostomy for acute obstructive suppurative cholangitis-induced sepsis". 1. Several factors influence the outcomes of the study. Some limitations might be occurred. 2. This procedure needed an experienced endoscopist and special equipment. It could not apply in the community hospitals. 3. Please discuss this issue "Why didn't the physicians routinely perform EUS-CDS procedure?" 4. Please also add the clinical application in the discussion section.

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this case report, Minaga and colleagues assessed techniques and efficacy of urgent endoscopic ultrasound-guided choledocoduodenostomy for acute obstructive suppurative cholangitis-induced sepsis. They showed their excellent outcomes in three cases as well as a short review. The findings of this retrospective study are of considerable interest. I have no serious criticism except minor issues which are shown below. In case 1, a covered metallic stent and a nasobiliary tube were replaced. In case 2, only a covered metallic stent was replaced. In case 3, plastic stent was replaced. Why did these procedural variances happen? Please describe concisely. In case 1 and 2, authors did not retrieve stones but exchanged stents to keep the fistula patent, while they removed stones in case 3. Please describe shortly the reason of the different therapeutic decision.

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Interesting and well-written article. However it's about a very demanding technique and only small numbers have been published. Concerning the implementation in benign diseases in particular, there is very little, if no, documentation. Are there any issues with this fistula in the long run in a young , healthy patient with choledocholithiasis? More cases and long-term follow up is a necessity. Still, it's a leap forward

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Title and running title: appropriate to define the content of the manuscript.

Key words: 5, defining the content of the paper.

Abstract: is appropriate, not structured, 137 words.

Core tip: 100 words, appropriate to define the content. Case presentations: 841 words, presentation of three life endangered elderly patients (83, 85, 80 years old), diagnostic and therapeutic procedures are described in detail, including laboratory data and imaging methods. The therapeutic procedures are illustrated with 3 figures (abc/ab/ab). Discussion: 464 words, although brief, the discussion is relevant, presented are the data of studies/informations concerning this problem. This treatment method was first reported in 2001 by Giovannini et al., and since then it has been increasingly performed as an alternative in patients with malignant biliary obstruction for failed ERCP. The indication for benign biliary disease has not been established. In the three presented cases successful urgent EUS-CDS for benign disease - choledocholithiasis was performed. Conclusions: last paragraph, short, 50 words, with a clear message for further studies and larger



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