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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors report their experience with portal vein/SMV stenting in patients who had previous HPB surgical resections. The study is well written and interesting as there is very little in the medical literature on this topic. I have few comments: 1) Of the two indications, the physical (gradient > 5 mmHg) and radiological (stenosis > 50%), did you use any of them in isolation or did you need both? The reason is that you can have a radiological stenosis without any symptoms, but a gradient across a stricture indicates an element of portal hypertension. secondly did you stent only the symptomatic patients or any patient fulfilling the above criteria? 2) In the material and methods, can you please explain what you think was the etiological mechanism by which patient developed portal vein stenosis. For instance did you reconstruct the portal vein in some of these patients? This should be clarified in the text. 3) In the study endpoints, did you not consider a resolution of the pressure gradient as an endpoint? If not why not? 4) In the results section on page 9, 5th paragraph, the first follow-up scan was performed 1-162 days after the procedure. it is somehow surprising that at least in one patient radiological follow-up was not carried out for more than 5 months. Please explain why.



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5) In the discussion, on page 10, the second paragraph is a repetition of the results and should be adjusted. finally I wish to know what was your protocol for anticoagulation if you had one.

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Good and useful article. Some language editing is needed mainly points commas, empty spaces.