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This paper study safety and efficacy of metallic stent for unresectable distal malignant biliary obstruction in elderly patients. The results suggested that metallic stents can be safely inserted to treat unresectable distal malignant biliary obstruction even in elderly patients aged 80 years or more. It provided new information for the treatment of unresectable distal malignant biliary obstruction in elderly patients

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In the present paper Dr Sakai and colleagues investigate the safety and efficacy of metallic stent for unresectable distal malignant biliary obstruction in elderly patients. In my opinion the issue is of clinical interest and the study was well conducted; however a few issues need to be addressed before publication. - Diagnosis. The authors enrolled 2 "patients diagnosed with unresectable distal malignant biliary obstruction" (page 6), "in 250 patients the diagnosis of malignancy was established by pathological examination, and in the remaining patients imaging techniques and clinical course" (page 7). In my opinion only patients with histology should be included in such study - One major bias of the study might be the definition of resectability, mostly considering that this is a multi centric study. Were the case evaluated by a multidisciplinary team? - Timing of follow up is not well defined: when were the patients re-evaluated? - Minor english



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