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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Yang J et al. have made comments to the retrospective, single-center study reported by Huang et al. titled "Timing of endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) in the treatment of acute cholangitis of different severity" in the World Gastroenterology. Huang et al. noted that the optimal time of ERCP for treating patients with severe acute cholangitis is ≤ 48 but not ≤ 24 hours. In this letter to the editor, Yang J et al. highlighted the controversy regarding the optimal timing of bile duct implementation: recent clinical evidence and guidelines recommend ERCP within 12 hours, indicating that the optimal timing of bile duct implementation remains controversial. Further, they presented future outlook, proposing a multicenter prospective cohort study or randomized controlled trial to clarify the optimal timing of ERCP in order to improve the therapeutic benefit to patients with different severity of acute cholangitis. Here, I would like to make one comment. In the abstract, there is no description about authors' future outlook, so the work is not reflected.

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Comment This submission is a letter to the editor (LTE) commenting on "Timing of endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography in the treatment of acute cholangitis of different severity" by Huang et al. published in October 2022 in the World Journal of Gastroenterology. The authors critically examine the pros and cons of acute biliary decompression in severe cases of acute cholangitis with the latest findings, including this article. In addition, suggestions are made for the future to further advance the current evidence. The assertions made in the article are quite reasonable, and I, as a reviewer, must welcome this submission in this journal as an LTE.