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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Overall, a very interesting and well written paper. For me the biggest unanswered question that is not well addresses is the selection criteria for "one step" and "step up" procedures. In a very essence it is advocating the well somehow "old school" established debridement technique and strategy. If the patient selection part is better cristalyzed, then it is of interest to the reader. Step up strategy allows selection of patients who need surgery, while one step approach leads to immediate invasive surgical treatment - that's a disadvantage.



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I have read with great interest the subject titled: Comparison of the safety, efficacy, and long-term follow-up between the “One-step” and “Step-up” approaches for treating infected pancreatic necrosis. Study design was great, methodology was systematic and findings were excellent. The authors concluded: Compared with the “Step-up” approach, the “One-step” approach is a safe and effective treatment method, with better long-term quality of life and prognosis. It also provides an alternative surgical treatment strategy for patients with infected pancreatic necrosis. In my opinion this will open new horizons in the management of infected pancreatic necrosis and also would draw lots of attention from HPB surgeons and physicians.