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Nice retrospective study even if the number of patients was not very high. Nice medical work.

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The standard surgical treatment for diagnosed ampullary carcinoma is pancreaticoduodenectomy. Intraoperative examination of bile duct margins should be routinely performed to ensure negative margins. This study has certain clinical guiding significance for identifying the occurrence of cholangiocarcinoma at the same time for the earlier local lesions that can be treated by endoscopy. However, due to the complications of pancreatitis, it cannot be used as a routine clinical diagnosis.

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Although false-positive results were obtained with each method, the combination of partial thickening of the bile duct on IDUS and biliary biopsy was useful for diagnosing hilar biliary invasion of ampullary cancer. In addition, it is recommended that hilar biliary biopsy be performed through a catheter to avoid contamination from cancer. However, hilar invasion of ampullary cancer is rare, and hilar investigation might be unnecessary for ampullary cancer patients. Comments: I am not sure how much this is needed in patients with ampullary cancer. Invasion to hilum will be advanced ampullary cancer and might be presenting with other signs and symptoms. Further, large studies are needed to see the timing and modality if needed for diagnosis of hilar invasion of ampullary cancer