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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript is well written. If possible, more comments on current status of EUS elastography are suggested.



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Title and running head: appropriate, define the content of the paper. Key words: 5, appropriate, specify the content of the manuscript. Abstract: not structured, 138 words, informative. Introduction: 220 words, the reader is acquainted with known facts about the diagnostic problem and its challenging nature. Chapter with different diagnostic methods: 3840 words, presented are different diagnostic methods: ERCP, advanced cytologic techniques for ERCP-acquired biliary brushing specimens - fluorescence in situ hybridization, digital image analysis, flow cytometry, EUS, intraductal ultrasound (IDUS), cholangioscopy, confocal laser endomicroscopy and optical coherence tomography. The authors present advantages and disadvantages of each method as well as insights into the future, with other diagnostic possibilities: high-resolution microendoscopy, Raman spectroscopy, EUS elastography and CLE with chromocholangioscopy or autofluorescence. Conclusion: 205 words, with a clear final message: the use of different diagnostic methods must be tempered by the realization of only marginal improvements in diagnostic sensitivity and frequent decrement in specificity, their potential for adverse events, and associated



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cost. References: 90, relevant, the majority from the last decade, including the most influential journals in the field (Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, Endoscopy, Digestive Endoscopy, Gastroenterology, World Journal of gastrointestinal Endoscopy, Hepatology...); the oldest reference is Scandinavian journal of gastroenterology. Supplement 1986;123:151-7. Figures: the article is enriched with 3 figures (Representative fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) microscopic image, Endoscopic ultrasonographic findings in a patient found to have locally-advanced cholangiocarcinoma, Passage of a SypGlass cholangioscope through a therapeutic duodenoscope to better evaluate hilar strictures and filling defects) and a table (Potential etiologies of indeterminate biliary stricture (IDBS) . Conflict of interest: no conflict declared.



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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

First of all, congratulate the authors for discussing the current endoscopic imaging of indeterminate biliary strictures in concise manners. This review article is worthwhile for the readers. There is a minor concern that I would suggest personally but not comments to the authors. Would it be better if there is a comparative table with advantages and disadvantages with each diagnostic modality?