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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. I wondered the appropriateness of the topic talking about 'safety of immediate EST'. The authors allocate the elective group not because it is true 'control', but due to coagulopathy. We cannot conclude that immediate EST will as safe as elective procedure. The author may think modification of title of the article. 2. It is meaningless to compare the laboratory data between two groups not in comparable situation (Table 2, immediate group just before EST, but the elective group one week after EBD). Table 2 only showed that EBD was effective to relieve biliary obstruction. To compare the two groups with significance, the data of the immediate group should be those of one week after EST. 3. Why the article did not show the success rate of stone removal in the elective group? There is only 30% success rate of immediate stones extraction in the immediate group, there will be something could be discussed if the data of elective group were demonstrated. 4. In page 6, line 15, 'regular clinical practice' will be better than 'normal clinical practice'. 5. In the section of 'Results', line, patient number 124 should be 104. 6. In the text, the prothrombin time tended to be shown by INR, why in the tables, it was shown by %?