

Dear Editor,

Thanks for the opportunity to submit the invited manuscript (ID 05138371) and thank you for the detailed and well thought-out comments from the reviewers.

To address reviewer 1's concerns, there are multiple studies comparing the efficacy and safety of PIRG to PEG techniques, which showed comparable results in large, academic centers. Of course, the caveat is that, with any operative technique, the success rate and complication rate depend on the operators' expertise. And the reviewer was correctly pointing out that PIRG would require a dedicated, specialized fluoroscopy suite, which may not be readily available in all institutions. We are a large, tertiary-care center that has one of the largest IR practice groups and has extensive experience in radiologic PIRG placement. Further, we have the benefit of having well-trained supporting staff who are familiar with the peri-operative care of PIRG patients. Therefore, we feel comfortable in offering patients PIRG and manage their peri- and intra-operative needs.

Of course, in a different institution, PEG can be much more desirable than PIRG technique, for that the physicians have more extensive expertise in PEG placement and the supporting staff has the experience taking care of sick patients peri-operatively. We believe this is part of the reason that we want to present our detailed techniques, so that physicians can be familiar with the technique and learn from experts in the field. This can promote further interests in comparing different techniques and seeing which technique can best fit the institutional needs, weighing the risks and benefits.

Thanks again for your time and consideration. We eagerly await your final decision.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Editors,

Thanks for the critiques.

We have striven to complete the requested changes.

For author signature on copyright form, we have obtained all necessary signatures and uploaded the required file accordingly.

As far as the citation style goes, we have changed them per request. However, one old paper not have a DOI number and therefore, we left that blank.

We have also corrected the figure file and uploaded a powerpoint file that includes all four images in sequential order.

Thank you again for your consideration and hope to hear from you soon.

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