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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This article title with 'Linear endoscopic ultrasound evaluation of hepatic veins' it should be published at WJGE. It has clear new informations for EUS of hepatic veins.
Prof. Dr. Vedat Goral

Reply: Thanks for your comments.

Reviewer's code: 01467363

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Title: accurately reflects the topic and contents of the paper. Key words: 8, appropriate. Abstract: short, 55 words, not structured, informative. Core tip: short, 40 words, informative. Introduction: short, 245 words, informative; the reader is acquainted with facts about the possibilities of EUS in evaluation of hepatic veins and planning surgical procedures in the liver. Chapter: "Applied anatomy: liver lobes, sectors and hepatic veins": 395 words, in this chapter the "true physiological classification anatomy of the liver" and hepatic veins is explained. Chapter: "Techniques of evaluation": 197 words, the EUS equipment used was scanning echoendoscope Pentax UTK 3870 UT. Explained are different positions during endosonography and detection of different vessels/organs: inferior vena cava, gallbladder. Chapter: Evaluation of hepatic veins explained is visualisation of these vessels from four standard positions: esophagus, stomach, duodenal bulb and descending duodenum. At the end of the chapter the evaluation of short hepatic/accessory veins is also explained. Discussion: very short, 181 words, explained are the possibilities of endosonography in different situations in "expert hands". The reader is alerted to the



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option of a possible route for EUS guided intrahepatic portosystemic shunt (EIPS) from IVC and hepatic vein to portal vein (animal model). Conclusion: short, 76 words, with an appropriate final message: this imaging “operator depending method” may provide useful informations for complex liver surgery. References: 20, are appropriate, relevant, from J Surg Oncol Suppl 1993 to Gastrointest Endosc 2017. Conflict of interest: no conflict declared. I suggest to accept this interesting paper, only the discussion seems “very short”.

Reply: Thanks for your comments.

Reviewer’s code: 02917331

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this review article entitled "Linear endoscopic ultrasound evaluation of hepatic veins", the authors overviewed and explained the methodology of EUS evaluation of hepatic vein. This review article contains educational aspects, is interesting.

Comment: Please add the brief explanation and a few figures of EUS (Pentax UTK 3870 UT) to help readers understand.

Reply: Thanks for your comments. We respect your opinion but placing figures of PENTAX scope will lead to its advertisement (to be avoided in any article) and hence we would like to avoid these. Our apologies