Figure S1. Flowchart APEC trial according to CONSORT [43]

All patients with acute pancreatitis

Ineligible
- Did not meet inclusion criteria
- Had no biliary etiology
- Not at high risk for complications
- Had other reasons
- Met exclusion criteria
  - Were admitted to the hospital >24 hours
  - Had concomitant cholangitis
  - Had previous sphincterotomy or precut
  - Had symptoms for > 72 hours
  - Had other reasons

Eligible but excluded
- Had logistic issues
- Were unable to give informed consent (e.g., severe organ failure)
- Declined to participate
- Were transferred from other hospital >24 hours after primary admission
- Had other reasons

232 Patients to be randomized

116 Assigned to early Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiography with sphincterotomy
  Received allocated treatment
  Excluded
  1 Lost to follow-up
  115 Analyzed

116 Assigned to conservative treatment
  Received allocated treatment
  Excluded
  1 Lost to follow-up
  115 Analyzed

Excluded
1 Lost to follow-up