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Title: Percutaneous Transhepatic Biliary Drainage Assisted by Real-Time Virtual Sonography

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The concept is good and the utility of real time virtual sonography should be explored in difficult to do PTBD patients. Results are encouraging, considering its efficacy and safety. However, certain limitations are there as patient selection was not appropriate. The number of patients are less and most had dilated ducts (mean diameter was 4.9 mm). Right duct attempt which is technically more challenging was done only in 9 out of 37.

It is difficult to suggest any revision as this is a retrospective study and all the available data has been put forward.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests’