Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Andreas Weber

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The study demonstrated that accurate puncture of targeted bile ducts can be achieved by performing RVS-assisted PTBD. Major limitations of the study are the small number of patients and its retrospective nature.

Major Compulsory Revisions

The title should be clearly stated that this is a retrospective study

Minor Essential Revisions

It would be favourable to compare these data with a control group (conventional procedure). Do you have these data?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'