Reviewer’s report

Title: Endoscopic-ultrasound-assisted transmural cholecystolithotomy after placement of a novel, fully covered metal stent: initial feasibility study using a porcine model

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Reviewer’s report:

Dear Editor-in-chief,

I read the case report entitled "Endoscopic-ultrasound-assisted transmural cholecystolithotomy after placement of a novel, fully covered metal stent: initial feasibility study using a porcine model" that you sent me for review and I am writing hereby in order to send you my comments.

The native English language is used in an acceptable level. Despite the fact that the experimental models, in my opinion, are limited in number for this study, I think that this experimental study contributes to the development of minimally laparoscopic surgeries with a special benefit of the patients. So, I suggest the publication of this experimental paper without further revision and comments.

Yours sincerely,
Pitiakoudis Michael

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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