Reviewer's report

Title: Sequential algorithm analysis to facilitate selective biliary access for difficult biliary cannulation in ERCP: a prospective clinical study

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This is a nice prospective study about a sequential algorithm for biliary access in ERC. This study has several limitations, that were all appropriately discussed by the authors. To my opinion, there are only 2 minor remarks:

1. What is the reason to do in all patients CT/MRT instead of endoscopic ultrasound (EUS)?

2. In figure 1 the success rate of "double wire cannulation" is given. However, the success rate of the other techniques is not stated. This is not consistent.

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.