Reviewer’s report

Title: Bile Reflux Index After Theurapeutic Biliary Procedures

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Reviewer: Attila Csendes

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Introduction

1.- The bile reflux index is a very indirect way to measure or determine duodeno-gastric reflux. The proper way is to measure this reflux directly by different techniques.

Methods

1.- What do you mean by “other issues”?
2.- IM must be intestinal metaplasia. Describe it.
3.- How are you sure that this index truly represents duodeno-gastric reflux? This point is crucial.

Results

1.- Table 1 can be eliminated and incorporated in the text.
2.- It is absolutely strange that no patients with Billroth II had HP(+). This reviewer has studied this point in over 60 patients and 1/3 have HP (+). Your group is too small for any conclusion.
3.- Table 1 and 2 can be grouped together: Eliminate gender, and leave only age and HP.
4.- Your study is very strange. Billroth II gastrectomy is the maximal representant of duodeno-gastric reflux and none has HP (+).
5.- Table 5 can be eliminated and incorporated in the text. Table 6 similar.

Discussion

Complete

References

13,14,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,28,31,32 = numbers in parenthesis should be eliminated.

Figure 1 can be eliminated, because it adds nothing relevant.

**What next?:** Accept after minor essential revisions

**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.