Title: Bilio-Entero-Gastrostomy: prospective assessment of a modified biliary reconstruction with facilitated future endoscopic access.

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Author's response to reviews: see over
Dear Sir,

On behalf of my co-author and myself, I would like to thank the editors and the reviewers for their valuable comments on our work. I am pleased to submit the "revised manuscript" of the paper considering the reviewers' reports.

Reviewer number 1: Dr. Aude Vanlander

- We would like to thank the reviewer for his interesting remarks.
- He kindly stated that the improvement in the article is "nice"
- Regarding the figures and pictures, we believe that the different BEG techniques that we are dealing with need good illustrations to elucidate the differences between them. Additionally, in our opinion, an extra figure would be less harmful to the article than the absence of a needed one especially in the era of online journals like BMC surgery.
- Regarding his question, we would like to affirm that, in our surgical unit, the standard of care in the treatment of benign CBD stricture is type III BEG. Consequently, the message is that type III BEG would be the suitable option for treatment of these cases whenever possible.
- Regarding table 5: time is in minutes. We added a note at the end of the table to stress upon that.

Finally we would like to thank the respected reviewer for his valuable remarks.
Reviewer number 2: Dr. Reza F Saidi:

We would like to thank the reviewer for his kind statement that "the article is acceptable for publication"
Reviewer number 3: Dr. Geert Roeyen:

We would like to thank the reviewer for his important remarks.

- Regarding the figures and tables, we believe that the different BEG techniques that we are dealing with need good illustrations to elucidate the differences between them. Additionally, in our opinion, an extra figure would be less harmful to the article than the absence of a needed one especially in the era of online journals like BMC surgery. We also believe that the tables carry relevant information that are easier to follow in this format and are not repeated in the text.
- We tried hard to correct any spelling error found.

Finally we would like to thank the respected reviewer for his kind remarks.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely

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