Reviewer's report

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

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Review- of the manuscript – “Bilio-Entero-Gastrostomy: prospective assessment of a modified biliary reconstruction with facilitated future endoscopic access”

Following are my response to queries

1. Is the question posed by authors well defined
   - it could be improved. The author in the background statement mentions that the aim is to assess the anastomosis. If the author states that it is to assess the accessibility of the anastomosis and the complications if any found it would appear better

2. The method is appropriate and well defined

3. The data is sound. The author has made good attempt to present a clear picture of the different types of BEG both by illustrations and operative pictures. Which would be useful to readers not generally familiar with this procedure

4. The manuscript adheres to the relevant standard for reporting and data deposition

5. The discussion is well balanced as the author has compared his experience with others. However it would be easier for the readers to appreciate if it is summarized in a table form. Moreover it should be made clear that this follow up is only for 24 months and it is well known that complications in terms of difficulty in accessibility of the stoma or stricture at hepaticojejunostomy could occur much later and hence would require a longer follow up. Similarly no complications of biliary gastritis were not noted in their patient. However this also need be made clear that it may take time to manifest.

6. The title and abstract convey what has been found. However I think it would be appropriate if the author mentions in the conclusion that BEG 111 is superior to other 2 types as that is what has emerged in this article. This should appear in the conclusion

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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 interest.