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1. Author list was changed.

2. The place of supporting sutures were clarified in the last part of technique section.

3. Since the aim of this study was to show applicability of external metallic circle in end-to-side biliary-enteric anastomoses, there was no control group to make histopathological or biochemical comparisons between the anastomoses with and without external circle. On the other hand, neither none of the animals developed jaundice during the study period nor relaparatomy revealed cirrhosis.

4. Authors contribution was added.

5. The reason of discussing the stenting technique also was to offer our new technique as an alternative in narrow anastomosis.