Reviewer's report

Title: Management of major bile duct injury after laparoscopic cholecystectomy: A case report and review of the literature

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Reviewer: federica cadeddu

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 9 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Presentations, diagnoses and/or management of new and emerging diseases

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The subject of the report is an important problem in surgical practice further the case is extensively presented and well documented. In the discussion the diagnostic clinic and therapeutic features of bile duct injuries are discussed; however some points should be more focused: regarding diagnosis a flow chart based on literature could show more clearly the diagnostic and therapeutic steps. Regarding surgical technique both the importance of approach to hepatic hilum to perform the anastomosis should be discussed and the surgical options available to perform biliary recostrucion of intrahepatic bile ducts (it is possible to perform 2 different biliodigestive anastomoses to restore right biliary tree). Finally the postoperative management of these anastomoses should be more extensively distressed: how long should be in place biliary tubes after the operation? Months or years?? What is the stricture rate?

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:
I have no competing interests