Reviewer's report

Title: Endoscopic Inside stent placement is suitable as a bridging treatment for preoperative biliary tract cancer

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Major

#1: Stent diameter is an important risk factor for stent obstruction. In patients with inside group, 8.5Fr stent is used more frequently than 7Fr. On the contrary, 7Fr stent is generally used in patients with conventional group. Authors should add stent diameter data on risk factors (7Fr or more) for stent obstruction (Table 7).

#2: In conventional group, 4 patients without chemotherapy had long preoperative period more than 60 days. Surprisingly, case 6 period is 448 days. These cases are uncommon. Is there any selection bias that was not described in this article?

Minor

#3: It is difficult to remove migrated inside-stents in patients with intact duodenal papilla. It’s a weakness of inside-stent.

#4: “sphincter of Odd”

#5: English correction is necessary.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests' below.