Reviewer’s report

Title: Intrahepatic bile duct exploration lithotomy is a useful adjunctive heptectomy method for bilateral primary hepatolithiasis: An eight-year experience at a single centre

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This study by Li et al. includes many shortcomings in the method and interpretation of the results that render the conclusions questionable. One of the major limitation of the study is the small study group.

The technique described is novel but the design of the study lacks a control group to draw any conclusions. Many patients were already at the stage of secondary biliary cirrhosis which rise some concern about the selection criteria of the patients. In addition, the number of transfused patients seems very high (please clarify). Finally, the manuscript needs more language editing.

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