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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS
The dual-modality endoscopy therapy consisting of duodenoscopy and laparoscopy were discussed in this study, the former of which can remove extrahepatic bile duct stones through ERCP, while the latter can clean intrahepatic bile duct stones via laparoscopic resection. Laparoscopy combined with intraoperative duodenoscopy for cholecystolithiasis combined with choledocholithiasis patients is associated with higher surgical success, lower pain levels, and shorter hospital stays than with preoperative duodenoscopy. In this study, the authors included 95 patients with intra- and intra-hepatic bile duct stones and compared the clinical effects of combination therapy vs traditional laparotomy, and aiming at providing an optimized scheme for the surgical treatment of such patients. The study is well designed and performed. The results are very interesting. Minor comments: 1. The manuscript has to be edited. Some minor language polishing should be revised. 2. The abstract should be rewritten as, background, aim, methods, results, and conclusion. 3. Images should be improved. 4. The limit of the study should be discussed.