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Highlights

- Biliary complications (BCs) after liver transplant represent important causes of morbidity and graft dysfunction.
- MR is actually the preferred non-invasive imaging modality to identify post-transplant BCs.
- 3T MRCP and MRI can predict post-transplant BCs in at least 95%, and exclude them in 99% of cases.
- MRCP and MRI at 3T device are extremely reliable for detecting BCs in liver transplant recipients.
- 3T MRCP and MRI should be recommended before any invasive diagnostic procedure.

Abstract

Purpose

Our study was aimed to assess the diagnostic value of MR cholangiopancreatography (MRCP) and MR imaging at 3T device when evaluating biliary adverse events after liver transplantation.

Materials and methods

A series of 384 MR examinations in 232 liver transplant subjects with suspected biliary complications