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Fig. 4  Diagram showing the anatomical relationships of a juxtapapillary duodenal diverticulum (JPDD) in: a the common type; b the atypical caudally located JPDD, which has more anatomical proximity to the pancreatic duct than to the common bile duct. (D, duodenum; BD, bile duct; PD, pancreatic duct; B, bezoar.)

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