

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 20030-Review.doc).

**Title:** Clinical and biological significance of precursor lesions of intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Hepatology*

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Review 1:

1. *A table comparing different precursor lesions of intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma is highly recommended.*

Response: We added a table comparing the epidemiology, gross and histologic appearance and molecular alterations in each of the precursor lesions.

2. *A comprehensive figure showing the progress of these precursor lesions into intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma is also highly recommended.*

Response: We added H&E figures of each of the major precursor lesions.

3. *If the manuscript does not deal with proper treatment of the precursor diseases, then the title might need to be changed into more specific aspects, such as "biological significance and the molecular mechanisms of the precursor lesions of ICC".*

Response: We changed the title of our manuscript to be more specific: "Clinical and Biological Significance of Precursor Lesions of Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma"

Reviewer 2:

*It is well written manuscript reviewing pathological considerations for the origin of cholangiocarcinoma as well as molecular characteristics of each lesion related to malignant potential. However, it is difficult to understand*

*each lesion without representative images of pathological features. I recommend to the authors to put the pathological images of at least H&E or, if possible, some molecular staining for each category, which will improve the quality of the manuscript.*

Response: We added H&E figures of each of the precursor lesions.

In addition, we made some minor changes in the context of the manuscript and added key words.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Hepatology*

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruliang Xu'.

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