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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5079-resubmit.doc).

Title: Small cell carcinoma of the liver and biliary tract without jaundice : A case report and review of literature

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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

(1) According to new WHO guideline (2010) for NET/NEC, biopsy result was corrected and tumor graded was described.

(2) some old references which is no more useful were discarded as reviewer professor's recommendation. (listed below)

- Kim YH, Kwon R, Jung GJ, Roh MH, Han SY, Kwon HC, Jeong JS, Shin TB, Oh JY, Lee KN. Extrapulmonary small-cell carcinoma of the liver. *Journal of hepato-biliary-pancreatic surgery* 2004; **11**: 333-337

- - Kim H, Park S, Park S, Shin H, Oh M, Kim H, Bae W, Kim I. Small cell carcinoma of the colon: barium study and CT findings. *British journal of radiology* 2005; **78**: 255-256

- Johnson BE, Whang-Peng J, Naylor SL, Zbar B, Brauch H, Lee E, Simmons A, Russell E, Nam MH, Gazdar AF. Retention of chromosome 3 in extrapulmonary small cell cancer shown by molecular and cytogenetic studies. *Journal of the National Cancer Institute* 1989; **81**: 1223-1228

- Matsuo S, Shinozaki T, Yamaguchi S, Matsuzaki S, Takami Y, Hayashi T, et al. Small-cell carcinoma of the gallbladder: report of a case. *Surgery today*. 2000;30(1):89-93.

(3) Differential diagnosis guideline for extrapulmonary small cell carcinoma was corrected including CT and PET scans with reference articles.

(4) Reviewed professor requested description about the reason why patient have chest pain in spite of negative chest CT. In the tail part of discussion, we added our short opinion which interpret it as a kind of referred pain from abdominal malignancy.

(5) We added statement why previous reports of extrapulmonary small cell carcinomas have inconsistent immunohistochemical findings.

(6) As a answer to reviewer, we would like to explain why patient expired only after 8 weeks after diagnosis. The patient refused chemotherapy due to her old age and poor health. Thus only supportive care, including percutaneous transhepatic biliary drainage, was provided, and the patient died of biliary sepsis 8 weeks after the diagnosis was confirmed.

3 References and typesetting were corrected and added with much recent articles of 2007-2009

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

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