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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Reviewers' comments:: Major revision 1.This research focused on Anatomic Variations of the Intra-Hepatic Biliary Tree in the Caribbean: A Systematic Review , very interesting topic. 2. In Table 1 and 2 you cited many references from other countries, but why not cited the China condition of Anatomic Variations of the Intra-Hepatic Biliary Tree, because the chinese population so much and hepatic disease patients so many.

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This is a well-written paper, which provided important knowledge about bile duct anatomical variation. The results are full of value for surgical procedures such as liver resection, and liver transplantation. There are some important issues to be clarified and improved before publication.

1. The title refers to a “systematic review”. Actually, the authors conducted an original study and a systematic review at the same time. The systematic review analysis was used to calculate the global prevalence, therefore, I suggested it would be more helpful to remove “systematic review” in the title. The core information should be reflected in the title.
2. There is confusion about the unselected people in the introduction, and what’s the meaning of unselected people?
3. For a high-quality systematic literature study, detailed inclusion and excluded criteria according to PICO(s) principles should be provided.
4. The reference about the definition of the global prevalence should be given.
5. Result: although some authors utilized different classifications, detailed review of the published descriptions and images within the published articles allowed us to extrapolate data for comparisons. When the variant was not reported or could not be reliably extrapolated from published descriptions, data and/or images, the study data were excluded from the global prevalence statistics. This part should be placed in the method.
6. The authors compared the merits and demerits of the different classification systems in the discussion. The authors should explain that why they selected Huang et al classification to classify biliary anatomy in the discussion.