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Title: CD24 expression as a prognosticator for extrahepatic bile duct cancer

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The manuscript has been improved as follows.

1. Format has been updated.
2. The manuscript has been reviewed once more in terms of English language editing. The authors had a number of experiences in publishing English articles, and the language evaluation of our manuscript was Grade B. The authors are grateful to you for your recommendation, but the manuscript was not edited by English language editing companies.
3. INTRODUCTION-1st paragraph: The last sentence, "In the future,....", is awkward to be described in the introduction. Also, technical advances may decrease rather than increase the distant metastasis.
4. MATERIAL AND METHODS-Study population: This study is a retrospective analysis of prospectively collected data base and to evaluate correlation with CD expression. We had clarify the study design.
5. RESULTS-Prognostic factors: As mentioned in No#1 comments, the authors should address the overall survival first and are recommended to add a graph of overall survival.
6. DISCUSSION-2nd/3rd paragraph: We had described CD24 briefly in INTRODUCTION so that the readers may speculate the study design.
7. DISCUSSION: Based on Table, there was statistically significant difference in OS and LRRFS. The difference in OS and LRRFS appeared substantial.

Minor comments

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

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