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Dear Lian-Sheng Ma,

Thank you for your response to our submission entitled '*Potential utility of liquid biopsies in the management of patients with biliary tract cancers*', and for the comments of the reviewers. Please find attached a revised copy of the manuscript with the requested changes made, plus attached copies of the table and figure.

We thank Reviewer #1 for their comments. In response to the recommendation that the authors describe limitations of liquid biopsy, these limitations are summarised in the review's conclusion.

We also thank Reviewer #2 for their comments, and for the suggestion that the methods of literature search be included. These have now been added to the manuscript.

The editorial office comments have been addressed, including in particular the reduction of self-references, the addition of a description of author contributions and the modification of the references to include all authors, PMID and DOI where available.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further clarifications or amendments.

Yours sincerely,

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