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| <b>Language quality</b>         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing<br><input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection |
| <b>Conclusion</b>               | <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection             |
| <b>Re-review</b>                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   |
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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

I read the article with great enthusiasm, and I think that the authors were able to review in an objective and clear way the most important points about liquid biopsies. This is an extremely important issue, not only for the diagnosis and prognosis of BTC, but it is a way to better understand the behavior of these types of cancers. I do not have much to add to this beautiful work unless the title could make it clear that it is a review and in the text, the authors could explain how it was to survey the biography and strategy of searching for studies for the preparation of the review.



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The manuscript entitled "Potential utility of liquid biopsies in the management of patients with biliary tract cancers" by Shotton R, et al. was written well. It covered general aspect of the liquid biopsy in biliary tract cancers as well as current status of ctCDA, circulating miRNA and CTCs. However, there are clearly some barriers in the way of clinical use while the promise of the liquid biopsy as an potentially useful tools in the management of patients with biliary tract cancers. I would recommend that the authors describe limitations of the liquid biopsy just before the conclusions.