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## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastroenterology

Manuscript NO: 88726

Title: Recombinant adeno-associated virus 8-mediated inhibition of microRNA let-7a

ameliorates sclerosing cholangitis in a clinically relevant mouse model

Provenance and peer review: Invited Manuscript; Externally peer reviewed

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	[ ] Grade A: Excellent [Y] Grade B: Very good [ ] Grade C:
Scientific quality	Good
	[ ] Grade D: Fair [ ] Grade E: Do not publish
Novelty of this manuscript	[ ] Grade A: Excellent [ Y] Grade B: Good [ ] Grade C: Fair [ ] Grade D: No novelty
Creativity or innovation of	[ ] Grade A: Excellent [Y] Grade B: Good [ ] Grade C: Fair
this manuscript	[ ] Grade D: No creativity or innovation



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Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript	[ ] Grade A: Excellent [Y] Grade B: Good [ ] Grade C: Fair [ ] Grade D: No scientific significance
Language quality	[Y] Grade A: Priority publishing [] Grade B: Minor language polishing [] Grade C: A great deal of language polishing [] Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	[ ] Accept (High priority) [ ] Accept (General priority) [ Y] Minor revision [ ] Major revision [ ] Rejection
Re-review	[Y]Yes []No
Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: [Y] Anonymous [ ] Onymous  Conflicts-of-Interest: [ ] Yes [Y] No

## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This interesting study investigates the inhibition of let-7a microRNA by rAAV8 in an experimental model of sclerosing cholangitis. Comments: 1. The title of the paper states that sclerosing cholangitis predisposed to cholangiocarcinoma was analyzed. But the paper did not analyze the role of let-7a microRNA inhibition in preventing cholangiocarcinoma. 2. The reference list has only 3 sources from the last 3 years. It is recommended to add references to the latest data. 3. In conclusion, it is recommended to discuss directions for further research and clinical perspectives of the findings.