

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The paper is novel and the subject is so interesting. The figures are good and eye-catching. My comments: 1) There should be more details about the methods i.e. They have mentioned about the flow cytometry but not described anything about it. 2) The patients groups has not been clarified

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The submitted manuscript by Boyd et al. is an interesting study evaluating clinical and laboratory characteristics of PSC patients in order to identify subjects with biliary dysplasia that could benefit from early liver transplantation. The subject is of interest. However a few issues need to be addressed before coming to final conclusions. - The population in study is not sufficiently described by the Authors and this makes the paper difficult to follow. How was the histological diagnosis reached in patients that were not transplanted? What was the indication for liver transplantation in the various groups? What was the correlation between suspicious brush cytology and presence of (low and high) dysplasia or cholangiocarcinoma after transplantation? What is the surveillance protocol used? - The title of the manuscript is misleading and does not reflect the content of the study. - References for Figure 1 and 2 should be added in the text.