

# Answering Reviewers

Reviewer #1:

**Scientific Quality:** Grade C (Good)

**Language Quality:** Grade B (Minor language polishing)

**Conclusion:** Accept (General priority)

**Specific Comments to Authors:** A misdiagnosed case of IgG4 RSC was reported in this case. The key points of differential diagnosis between IgG4 RSC and cholangiocarcinoma were analyzed in order to avoid unnecessary operation. This case report is very rare in clinical practice. The author concluded the differential diagnostic criteria by summarizing his own case and reviewing a large number of literatures, which has certain novelty and clinical value.

-> Thank you for your encouraging review

Reviewer #2:

**Scientific Quality:** Grade A (Excellent)

**Language Quality:** Grade A (Priority publishing)

**Conclusion:** Accept (General priority)

**Specific Comments to Authors:** I read with pleasure this report of a IgG4-related cholangitis simulating a biliary malignancy. We had some cases of this condition mimicking intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma in our Institution; this paper correctly reported the main diagnostic and therapeutic challenges. The differential diagnosis with biliary malignancies (often impossible at the pre-operative stage), the need for both histology and laboratory data, the importance of looking for other possible sites of disease once the diagnosis is achieved, the possibility of recurrence after surgery are all key factors which have been correctly identified by the Authors and appropriately discussed. The treatment of steroid-resistant disease is the only hot topic which was not discussed, but it did not pertain to this clinical case, in which the patient refused any medical treatment. Overall, this is a well written paper. The case descriptions contains all of needed information. The differential diagnosis have been reported. There are no doubts about the final diagnosis, which is adequately supported by evidence. The discussion is balanced and high-quality. I have no specific comments. Congratulations to the Authors for this excellent paper.

-> Thank you for your kind review