



PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript has evaluated factors associated with 5-year survival of combined hepatocellular and cholangiocarcinoma. This paper is well written, and will be acceptable. However, it will require some revision before publication. 1, Why was the factors of background liver disease and/or liver function?



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In the following paper, the authors aim to identify potential factors HCC/CC-related that may correlate with 5-year survival. Although it is a retrospective study designed extracting data from SEER database, they focused the analysis on a rare entity (HCC/CC) for whom there are no prospective randomized trials. The manuscript is well written in English and clear to the reader. The manuscript deserves publication after minor revisions: - The authors should add in the discussion that it is not possible to retrieve from SEER data concerning laboratory exams that may have an impact on 5-year survival. I.E lab features used for CHILD Pugh score in HCC, or other parameters that may be novel candidate as prognostic factors for CC. Please cite in the references: Salati M, Caputo F, Cunningham D, et al. The A.L.A.N. score identifies prognostic classes in advanced biliary cancer patients receiving first-line chemotherapy. *Eur J Cancer*. 2019;117:84 - 90. doi:10.1016/j.ejca.2019.05.030 - Moreover, authors should add in the discussion as limitation that it is not possible to know if patients who underwent surgery received a post operative treatment in particular in the case where the CC component is higher than HCC. Adjuvant treatment for CC is an hot topic in oncology and data from randomized trials are often conflicting. Please, cite in the reference: - Messina C, Merz V, Frisinghelli M, et al. Adjuvant chemotherapy in resected bile duct cancer: A systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized trials. *Crit Rev Oncol Hematol*. 2019;143:124 - 129. doi:10.1016/j.critrevonc.2019.09.002 Format:



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The authors addressed all minor revisions suggested by reviewers. I have no further comments.



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