

Reviewer #1:

Specific Comments to Authors: Wu G et al. analyzed 120 patients who underwent open hepatectomy for biliary tract cancer and found that the risk factors for bile leakage were male sex, hepatocellular carcinoma, major hepatectomy, blood loss, and blood transfusion. It is well written and highly interesting. The study is well designed and presented with optimal analysis, discussion, tabulation and graphic display of data. Thank you for giving opportunity to review this study. Furthermore, minor comment that I would like to propose: 1. Title: Proper and cover all the core result from the study. 2. Abstract: Address all of the important component from the study. 3. Key words: could cover this study. 4. Introduction: Describe the overall basic knowledge for this study. Moreover, the aim of the study is clear. 5. Method: The present study is methodologically well conducted. 6. Results: The result of this study is of interest. However, the presentation of results in tables is too simple, and the header of Tables 1-4 are the same. It is suggested to re-check and modify them. 7. Discussion: The manuscript clearly interprets the finding adequately and appropriately. In addition, the manuscript could highlight the key points clearly. It is recommended to add a discussion of the limitations of the study to the discussion section.

- 1. We have revised Tables 1-4 to ensure that each has a unique and descriptive header that accurately reflects the content presented.**
- 2. We have added a paragraph to the discussion section that outlines the limitations of our study, providing greater transparency and acknowledging potential biases that could affect the interpretation of our findings.**

Reviewer #2:

Specific Comments to Authors: Bile leak is a common and serious complication of hepatectomy for biliary tract cancer that can cause significant morbidity and mortality. The authors conducted this retrospective study to explore the impact of open



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hepatectomy on postoperative bile leakage in patients with biliary tract cancer. This helps optimize management strategies and reduce the occurrence of bile leak. However, there are still some minor issues to be noted in the article, such as incomplete data in Table 1: Tumor size (cm) is $6.3 \pm ?$. The last sentence of the Data collection and analysis section: Statistical significance was set at $p < 0.05$. significant. Should "significant." be deleted? Paragraph 2 of page 9: but also provide therapeutic options such as stenting or drainage (9, 20). Is this (9, 20) a reference? If so, it needs to be consistent with other literature citation formats. So further editing and proofreading are needed to maintain the best sense of reading.

1. The missing standard deviation value for tumor size in Table 1 has been added.
2. The stray word "significant" in the Data collection and analysis section has been removed for clarity.
3. The citation formatting in paragraph 2 of page 9 has been corrected to ensure consistency throughout the document.