

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Editor, thank you so much for inviting me to revise this manuscript about cholangiocarcinoma. This study addresses a current topic. The manuscript is quite well written and organized. English should be improved. Figures and tables are comprehensive and clear. The introduction explains in a clear and coherent manner the background of this study. We suggest the following modifications: • Introduction section: although the authors correctly included important papers in this setting, we believe the evolving systemic treatment scenario for cholangiocarcinoma should be further discussed and some recently published papers added within the introduction (PMID: 33756174 ; PMID: 35031442 ; PMID: 35977458 ; PMID: 33592561), only for a matter of consistency. We think it might be useful to introduce the topic of this interesting study. • Methods and Statistical Analysis: nothing to add. • Discussion section: Very interesting and timely discussion. Of note, the authors should expand the Discussion section, including a more personal perspective to reflect on. For example, they could answer the following questions – in order to facilitate the understanding of this complex topic to readers: what potential does this study hold? What are the



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knowledge gaps and how do researchers tackle them? How do you see this area unfolding in the next 5 years? We think it would be extremely interesting for the readers. However, we think the authors should be acknowledged for their work. In fact, they correctly addressed an important topic, the methods sound good and their discussion is well balanced. One additional little flaw: the authors could better explain the limitations of their work, in the last part of the Discussion. We believe this article is suitable for publication in the journal although some revisions are needed. The main strengths of this paper are that it addresses an interesting and very timely question and provides a clear answer, with some limitations. We suggest a linguistic revision and the addition of some references for a matter of consistency. Moreover, the authors should better clarify some points.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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