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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this letter, authors faced the problem of the lack of preclinical models of cholangiocarcinoma. It is a huge question, which gave limited options to study new therapies. During the years, with a great amount of work, authors established and characterized an important number of xenografts and cell lines, providing new suitable models to study this aggressive malignancy. As concern reference 3, "Vandetanib (ZD6474), an inhibitor of VEGFR and EGFR signalling, as a novel molecular-targeted therapy against cholangiocarcinoma", authors performed all the experiments using four cell lines not established from their group. Please, explain why they include this paper as reference in the letter to the editor. The molecular characteristics of this kind of tumor are strictly dependent from ethnicity (mutations, risk factors). These models could pave the way to new molecular studies and to the identification of new therapies mainly for Eastern Countries patients.