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Title: Analysis of intrahepatic sarcomatoid cholangiocarcinoma: Experience from 11 cases within 17 years

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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	polishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
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			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The present retrospective trial is a very well designed and executed one

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a series of over 220 patients diagnosed with cholangiocarcinoma in one institution of which 9 patients had a sarcomatoid variant of their tumour. However within this group 4 patients had either HB or HCV infection and at least 5 possibly 6 had



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underlying cirrhosis. It is not clear whether these were hilar or peripheral cholangiocarcinoma. It is well recognised that solid peripheral lesions in cirrhotic livers can have unusual differentiation features and sarcomatoid differentiation in HCC is also well described. It is not clear what proportion of the remaining group of patients had HB or HCV infection and/or cirrhosis. I am not clear what message the authors are attempting to deliver. The manuscript is far too long and especially the discussion section which is in essence a discussion of 9 patients. There are a small number of typographical errors in the text which need correcting but the authors have more substantial work to do to get this to a point where it is going to be useful for the readers. It is too long, and without clear direction, the message that they wish to deliver does not come across.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear authors: Nice paper, easy to read and well written with a superb experience about intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma. I think that is interesting that you made a subanalysis about a rare histological type. But I have some concerns. In results,



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histological results are too much focused commenting image and difficult to understand I think that you should rewrite these paragraph But my severe concern is about discussion you comment again your results but very few data about previous published series is not included. A table with previous most big series should be very interesting. Moreover, it is too long because you repeat some data from results only two last paragraphs about limitation are new information. I think that you should reduce your data and include more information about previous published series and compare your data with those series Table: I think that the data of the whole serie of IHC not separated in well moderate and undifferentiated tumor would be intereseting

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this paper, a total of 228 patients with intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma (IHCC) in a single medical center during the last 17 years were counted, including 11 cases of intrahepatic sarcomatoid cholangiocarcinoma (s-CCC). s-CCC is an extremely rare



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condition. The authors described the clinical, imaging, and histopathologic features of s-CCC in detail and will help readers understand the disease more deeply. However, several concerns need to be addressed. Firstly, the author described the 11 patients in detail, but did not make further analysis. There is no specific personal point of view. In the discussion section, too many repeated descriptions of patient data were made, and the direction of discussion was not clear. I suggest that the discussion section be appropriately reduced and increased the analysis of comparison of intrahepatic sarcomatoid cholangiocarcinoma and intrahepatic bile duct

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