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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I would like to thank the Editor and the Authors for the opportunity to review this paper. I it is an interesting paper and well reported. The Authors report in details the epidemiology of ICCA. However, at least in the discussion, I would like to suggest to add information regarding the nutritional aspect of increasing case of ICCA because it is a well know condition that impact in postoperative complications and survival in patients with Cholangiocarcinoma as reported in recently papers like "Ardito F, Coppola A, Rinninella E, Razionale F, Pulcini G, Carano D, Cintoni M, Mele MC, Barbaro B, Giuliante F. Preoperative Assessment of Skeletal Muscle Mass and Muscle Quality Using Computed Tomography: Incidence of Sarcopenia in Patients with Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma Selected for Liver Resection. J Clin Med. 2022 Mar 10;11(6):1530. doi: 10.3390/jcm11061530. PMID: 35329856; PMCID: PMC8956038."

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1. There are limited population-based data available for investigations into epidemiologic characteristics of ICC in some particular area, while the author have a national cancer registry database system that can be used and it is good for evaluating the secular trends of ICC in Taiwan. 2. The ICC has several risk factors, such as aging, smoking, obesity, diabetes mellitus and so on. In this study, the author evaluated secular trends of ICC according to age and sex in Taiwan. The assessment of other independent and/or interactive effects are suggested, and future prospective evaluations are needed to explore potential risk factors of ICC.