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It is an excellent manuscript but some revisions are necessary. In my opinion the supplement 1 is very confusing for the reader and too long while in supplement 2 if figures fig S1- figS4, figS6-figS8 would be omitted, it would have been more Understandable by the reader.

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First of all, I would like to congratulate the authors for the significant, interesting, and informative work, as well as for the volume of work, they have done concerning an epidemiological topic (changes in the global epidemiological parameters of biliary and gall bladder diseases) of great importance. Judging their work as a whole, I would like to emphasize that despite the inherent disadvantages of the study (some of them are also highlighted by the authors in the discussion part of the article), such as the accuracy of the data of the individual countries, and the accurate collection of the data (regarding mainly the final diagnoses), nevertheless the findings and the subsequent conclusions of the study are correct, logical and to a large extent expected. The discussion of the findings is sparse, but adequate and focused on the importance of the findings (concerning mainly the health planning of the individual countries). The tables and figures are informative and well-designed. In my opinion, the number and type (laparoscopic or open surgery) of surgical procedures performed, as well as the histological diagnoses of the removed tissues would have offered some additional information and conclusions. PS I would like to urge the authors to do the same work

for inflammatory bowel disease as well.