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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I have read with great interest the manuscript entitled 'Incidental Biliary Dilation in the era of the Opiate epidemic: High prevalence of biliary dilation in opiate users evaluated in the Emergency Department' submitted to the World Journal of Gastroenterology. In this retrospective cohort study, the authors evaluated mainly the association between opiate use and common bile duct dilation. First of all, I would like to congratulate the authors for investigating this interesting, although I have some comments. **MAJOR COMMENTS** - The major drawback of this study is the statistical analysis. It is not possible to exclude collinearity between variables because of the absence of detailed multivariate analysis - The conclusion in the abstract 'findings suggest that factors such as opiate use and history of cholecystectomy may underlie the previously-reported association of advancing age with increased CBD diameter' is not fully supported by the results of the study; it sounds as an hypothesis - In addition, the definition of opiate use is overly broad and lack of any scientific criteria for definition **MINOR COMMENTS** - All abbreviations must be defined on first use (see BMI) - It would be great to present a hypothesis for the supposed common bile duct dilation related to opiate use

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this paper report Incidental Biliary Dilation in the era of the Opiate epidemic: High prevalence of biliary dilation in opiate users evaluated in the Emergency Department. it would bring some new information in this area