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Dear Editor,

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) Figure 1 showing IPNB with mixed pathological transformations and Figure 3 showing typical cholangiography features in ERC were added according to comment of reviewer NO. 01559599.

(2) Spelling mistakes mentioned by reviewer NO. 01559599 were corrected.

(3) Table 1 showing different subtypes classified by MUCs and cytokeratins was added according to comment(a) of reviewer NO. 01150514.

(4) Figure 2 showing imaging features and Table 2 showing usefulness of separate imaging techniques were added according to comment(b) of reviewer NO. 01150514. But the accurate sensitivity and specificity were not reached in present literature because of its low incidence.

(5) The reference was reviewed and corrected according to comment(c) of reviewer NO. 01150514.

(6) Several references useful to assess the usefulness of CA19-9 and its association with bilirubin elevation or elevated AlkPhos were provided according to comment(d) of reviewer NO. 01150514. But the statement about increased ALT level differentiating IPNB from conventional cholangiocarcinoma was not clearly elaborated and this phenomenon was not found in any other reports.

(7) Mistakes in the acronyms were corrected and a page of acronyms was provided according to comment(e) of reviewer NO. 01150514.

(8) Greater expansion of surgical procedure and methodology of the staged biopsies and frozen section approach was added according to comment(f) of reviewer NO. 01150514. But the incidence of skip lesions was not reached in literature.

(9) Figure 4 showing the Kaplan Meier curves of survival according to depth of extraductal invasion and resection type was provided as required by reviewer NO. 01150514.

All the revisions were highlighted in the updated version.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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