

Dear Editor,

We are pleased to resubmit the revised manuscript below

**Name of Journal:** World Journal of Gastroenterology

**Manuscript ID:** 89799

Please find a detailed reply to each observation.

**Reviewer #1:**

1. This article mainly aims to develop a diagnosis and treatment plan for hilar cholangiocarcinoma in your own country, but the arguments in the article mainly rely on foreign literature and lack epidemiological data from our own country. If there is domestic epidemiological data, it would be more relevant:

**REPLY:** Unfortunately, there is lack of local epidemiological data. Only a few short case series and a retrospective outcomes data is available, all available local data is referenced in the manuscript. Reference number: 9-12.

2. This article provides a detailed introduction to the diagnosis and surgical treatment of hilar cholangiocarcinoma, but there is relatively little introduction to palliative treatment. Currently, targeted immunotherapy for cholangiocarcinoma is flourishing, and I think a more detailed introduction can be provided:

**Reply:** We have expanded on the role of palliative chemotherapy in the palliative care section. We also expanded on results of KEYNOTE-966 trial to highlight advantage of immunotherapy

**Reviewer #2:**

"Kovalenko YA, Zharikov YO, Konchina NA, Gurmikov BN, Marinova LA, Zhao AV. Perihilar cholangiocarcinoma: A different concept for radical resection. Surg Oncol. 2020 Jun;33:270-275 doi: 10.1016/j.suronc.2020.02.013. Epub 2020 Feb 17. PMID: 32561092." I recommend supplementing your guidelines for the treatment of perihilar cholangiocarcinoma with this document.

**Reply:** Thank you for highlighting this important study. We have added the above article to the manuscript. Reference number 144

*(1) Science editor:*

1. Scientific classification: Grade C and Grade C. 2 Language classification: Grade B and Grade B. 3 Specific comments: (1) Please provide the Language certificate. The English-language grammatical presentation needs to be improved to a certain extent. There are many errors in grammar and format, throughout the entire manuscript. Before final acceptance, the authors must provide the English Language Certificate issued by a professional English language editing company. Please visit the following website for the professional English language editing companies we recommend: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/gerinfo/240>.

**Reply:** After email correspondence with the editorial office, We invited Professor Dr Irfan Ahmed (from the university of Aberdeen) a native English language speaker to review the manuscript in detail for English language. He reviewed the entire text and corrected errors in English language. Professor Dr Irfan Ahmed has over 200 peer reviewed publications and a vast experience in manuscript writing.

2. Please provide the Figures cited in the original manuscript in the form of PPT. All text can be edited, including A,B, arrows, etc. With respect to the reference to the Figure, please verify if it is an original image created for the manuscript, if not, please provide the source of the picture and the proof that the Figure has been authorized by the previous publisher or copyright owner to allow it to be redistributed.

**Reply:** All Figures are original and PPT versions are submitted with revised manuscript.

3. All legends are incorrectly formatted and require a general title and explanation for each figure. Such as Figure 1 title. A: ; B: ; C: .

**Reply:** Legends have been updated accordingly. Table 4 has been slightly modified.

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**Reply:** All figures used in the manuscript are original

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**Reply:** We have removed and symbols that were not allowed

**(2) Company editor-in-chief:**

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript, the relevant ethics documents, and the English Language Certificate, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Gastroenterology, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. When revising the manuscript, it is recommended that the author supplement and improve the highlights of the latest

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**Reply:** Manuscript was reviewed in light of above comments.