Reviewer's report

Title: Adjuvant radio-chemotherapy for extrahepatic biliary tract cancers

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Basically, this is a small sample retrospective analysis of the adjuvant chemoradiotherapy of extrahepatic duct cancer. The data collected spaned about 7 years. There are three categories of cancer which actually possess different tumorous biological behavior and prognosis. The conclusion is that "Postoperative radiotherapy with 50-60 Gy is feasible with acceptable acute and late toxicities, some patients seem to have benefited from adjuvant treatment.

1. Major Compulsory Revisions
   (1) whether there is survival difference among patients of different stages, which is a more crucial data on the prediction of prognosis of patients
   (2) The time interval between surgery and the onset of adjuvant therapy?
   (3) The average lymph nodes collected of patients?
   (4) The relationship between lymph node status and survival?

2. Minor Essential Revisions
   #1# The physical status of patients before adjuvant therapy?
   (2) Is there any data of tumor marker before and after adjuvant therapy?

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.