Reviewer's report

Title: Adjuvant radio-chemotherapy for extrahepatic biliary tract cancers

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EBDC are uncommon malignancies, especially much lower morbidity in authors’ district, characterized by a poor prognosis with high rates of loco-regional recurrence as well as has been considered the cancers that show no activity on radiotherapy in the past. Though the patients involved in this study were only 23 patients (4 gallbladder, 7 ampullary and 12 cholangiocarcinoma), the authors had performed long-term follow up, investigated and evaluated the effectiveness of the radiotherapy and its toxicities and made analysis precisely. So much so that the conclusion that postoperative radiotherapy with 50-60 Gy was safe and effective for the patients with EBDC could be trusted and be useful for clinical practice.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. “chemoradiation” (row 2 of third paragraph in page 4 in cover letter) should be corrected as “chemo-radiation”. The next chemoradiation written in article should be corrected.
2. “We have considered as extrahepatic biliary tract neoplasms cholangiocarcinoma” (row 1 of the fourth paragraph in page 8 in cover letter) neoplasms with cholangiocarcinoma, make an alternative.
3. “sistematically” (row 5 of second paragraph in page 9 in cover letter), what’s the meaning?
4. “radiosensitization effect” (row 4 of second paragraph in page 11 in cover letter), should be corrected as “radiosensitivity”.
5. “radiotherapeutic” (row 2 of third paragraph in page 12 in cover letter) should be corrected as “radio-sensitivity”.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.