Reviewer’s report

Title: Role of Notch1 Expression in the Migration of Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma

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Notch is an interesting molecule that might be of important in the understanding of the mechanisms of the metastasis of CCA. In general this is a straight-forward and well-designed study, however more data should be added to the current study that might substantially improve the quality of the paper.

1. The authors should provide more clinical data. Since the intrahepatic metastasis may differ from the lymphogenic metastasis, the authors have to provide the data of the expression of Notch in tumor and adjutant tissue in patients with or without early intrahepatic recurrence after surgery and with or without early lymph node metastasis.

2. The expression levels of major receptors of Notch 1 should be determined in the clinical samples. The transcript and protein expression of targeted molecules should be quantified or semi-quantified.

3. The conclusions in abstract is very ambitious which should be rephrased.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.