Reviewer’s report

Title: The prognostic importance of jaundice in surgical resection with curative intent for gallbladder cancer

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Minor Essential Revisions

The manuscript is a large retrospective review in a rare cancer. Useful information can be gleaned from this data when interpreted carefully and appropriately. The most essential revision is simply grammatical errors throughout the manuscript. There are too many to list individually. One must go back and revise before publications.

A more thorough assessment of vascular resections (portal vein/hepatic artery) is of interest. Given the doubled morbidity and mortality of resection in jaundiced patients finding ways to select patients for resections is crucial. If one excludes patients who needed vascular resections this would improve the outcomes of the rest of the cohort and may be an important factor in selecting patients.

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.