Reviewer's report

Title: The associated expression of Maspin and Bax proteins as a potential prognostic factor in intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma

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General
This manuscript presents the expression of maspin and Bax in intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma (IHCCA). The authors demonstrated that expression of maspin is negatively associated with IHCCA progression when Bax is expressed. The combined maspin expression and Bax may influence the susceptibility of tumor cholangiocytes to apoptosis. The topic of the manuscript is up to date.

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No