Reviewer’s report

Title: A case of a hepaticocystic duct: a rare anomaly of the extrahepatic biliary system

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Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

1. Descriptions for embryological development regarding the hepatic diverticulum should be briefly commented in Discussion.
2. Intraoperative cholangiography before cholecystectomy should be presented to demonstrate the actual appearance of this case having hepaticocystic duct. Was the cholangiography from the gall bladder available?
3. How was the conjunction between the cystic duct and the pancreatic duct?
4. We do not understand why the patient had the residual stone in the cystic duct after open cholecystectomy with the direct cholangiography via catheter placed in the hepaticocystic duct.
5. Was there any other anomaly in this case, such as hepatic artery, portal vein,
and intrahepatic bile ducts?

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'