Reviewer's report

Title: Patterns of chromosomal copy-number alterations in intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma

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In this article, the authors describe the spectrum of chromosomal aberrations in intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma.

They have not found conclusive correlations between CNAs and clinico-pathological characteristics, but have dissected chromosomal alterations in many tumors; and probably starting to envision subgroups of patients that share similar alterations, all expressing well characterized genes related to oncogenesis or cancer progression

(For example, amplification of chromosome 7 or deletion in chromosome 1 in a subgroup of patients).

Due to the reduced sample number, the study does not achieve to give conclusive results, but shed a light into possible intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma targets.

Besides, If this characterization continues and is validated, it may be useful for future personalized medicine approaches.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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'