Reviewer’s report

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

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The authors have profiled ICC tumors to identify patterns of CNAs and their association with clinical pathological parameters. The work is important and the results are interesting. However, we need corrections/clarifications on the following:

Minor Essential Revisions

1. The sentence in the abstract "These latter areas are those showing the highest level for copy loss (resp. copy gain) together with the lowest level for copy gain (resp. copy loss)." is not clear!

2. The sentence in abstract "None of the CNAs nor the tumor groups were associated with the outcome" is inconsistent with the results shown in the main text/results.

3. Can the subgroups identified by CNA profiling qualify to be subtypes of ICC?

4. Fig 4, labels on x-axis are difficult to read.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests