Reviewer's report

Title: A case of metastatic renal cell carcinoma and bile duct carcinoma treated with a combination of sunitinib and gemcitabine

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The authors report a case of a patient with mRCC and bile ductal carcinoma, who has been treated with sunitinib and gemcitabine simultaneously. The bile duct tumor has not been verified by a biopsy.

The authors performed plasma levels for sunitinib and SNPs.

However, it remains unclear, what the scientific benefit of the reported case should be.

1. That the combination of sunitinib and gemcitabine might be feasible has been shown by various publications, such as


2. The authors cannot conclude from one case only that the combination of sunitinib and gemcitabine might be more effective to sunitinib alone. The same is regarding side effects or behaviour of plasma levels of sunitinib.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest
Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.