Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Intrabiliary growth type of metastasis from colon cancer, 12 years after curative colectomy: A case report

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**Reviewer:** Katsunori Takagi

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The case in this case report is extremely rare and interesting. However, I have a few questions.

1. After the 5-year follow-up period, why did the author continue following this patient? The patient in this study remained recurrence-free for 12 years; it is irregular to continue follow-up. Were there any symptoms, or were there any abnormal laboratory values for the patient?

2. The author should specify the adjuvant chemotherapy regimen administered after the initial operation.

3. What were the degrees of venous invasion and lymphatic invasion? Because the author considered that the tumor cells had invaded the biliary system via the portal vein, the degree of venous invasion should be mentioned.

4. How many lymph nodes were resected in the initial operation and how many lymph nodes were positive for metastasis? Please describe this in the manuscript, if possible.

5. At the ERC examination, we usually perform cytologic examination of bile juice. Did the author perform cytodiagnosis? If so, please describe the results.

The author should describe the reason why the intraductal biopsy revealed no malignancy.

Did the author try ultrasonic guided biopsy and if not, why not? It seems that ultrasonic guided biopsy would be a much easier way to make a diagnosis.

6. On the last line of page 9, please write out KRAS in full.
7. There was no description in the manuscript about adjuvant chemotherapy after the liver resection was performed to resect the metastatic lesion. What are the authors' thoughts on the necessity of adjuvant chemotherapy with regard to previous cases? Please briefly describe this in the discussion.

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