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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">Journal of Cancer and Tumor International</a>                                  |
| Manuscript Number:       | Ms_JCTI_24468                                                                              |
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**PART 1: Review Comments**

|                                     | Reviewer's comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments | <p>The paper was written well but there is a major scientific defect that is :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If the authors are pathologists and studying the incidental finding of carcinoma gall bladder in gallbladder specimens removed during cholecystectomy for benign- looking diseases, the clinical data of their patients should not include findings of advanced disease( like jaundice or rt. Hypochondrial mass ) as in such cases even there may not be a suitable palliative surgical treatment. So how can they receive specimens?</li> <li>2. Also in the availability of multiple highly accurate diagnostic investigations ( CT, MRI,PET-CT) how can i go to surgery of cholecystectomy in patients presenting with mass or jaundice blindly without trying to diagnose the disease.</li> <li>3. Talking about the incidental finding of cancer gallbladder does not reflect the real incidence of the disease generally. And pathologically we should describe the T stage and + or- margins beside the histological type in such incidentally diagnosed cases.</li> </ol> | <p>I disagree with your ascension of the fact that jaundice only point to advance disease. The indication for the surgeries was obstructive jaundice from cholelithiasis and the malignancy was incidental findings. The samples were not received from a single institution and therefore most of the patients' characteristics were retrieved from the request form.</p> <p>Unfortunately, Ghana is a low income country and until recently investigations were on a low side. Even now it will amaze you that most surgical samples are not sent to the pathologist for reporting. None of the cases have CT, MRI or PET-CT.</p> <p>I am getting the impression that you are from a developed country where things are readily at your disposal; I wish to invite you to Ghana to have firsthand information about how the system works.</p> |
| <b>Minor</b> REVISION comments      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In line 71, 72 (presented <u>with</u> at the clinic with right hypochondrium pain) the first with should be removed</li> <li>2. . There should be one system of references writing as ref. 2,6,7,8,9 were written differently from others.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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