

**Supplementary Table I.** Baseline demographic and clinico-pathological parameters of the study participants

Parameters	GBC (n=13)	Cholelithiasis (n=23)
Age (yr)	50.8±14.5	44±11.9
Gender	Male 4 (31%)	Male 6 (26.09%)
	Female 9 (69%)	Female 17 (73.91%)
Tumour stage		
IIb	3 (23.08%)	
IIIa	3 (23.08%)	
IIIb	5 (38.46%)	
IVa	1 (7.69%)	
IVb	1 (7.69%)	
Node status		
Present	9 (69%)	
Absent	4 (31%)	
Metastasis		
Present	9 (69%)	
Absent	4 (31%)	
Liver infiltration		
Present	8 (61%)	
Absent	5 (39%)	
Resectability		
Present	8 (61%)	
Absent	5 (39%)	
Tumour markers		
CA19.9 (U/ml)	75.4±16.0	
CEA (ng/ml)	4.7±5.9	
CA125 (U/ml)	26±7.6	