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Generation of sphingosine-1-phosphate is enhanced in biliary tract cancer patients and is

associated with lymphatic metastasis

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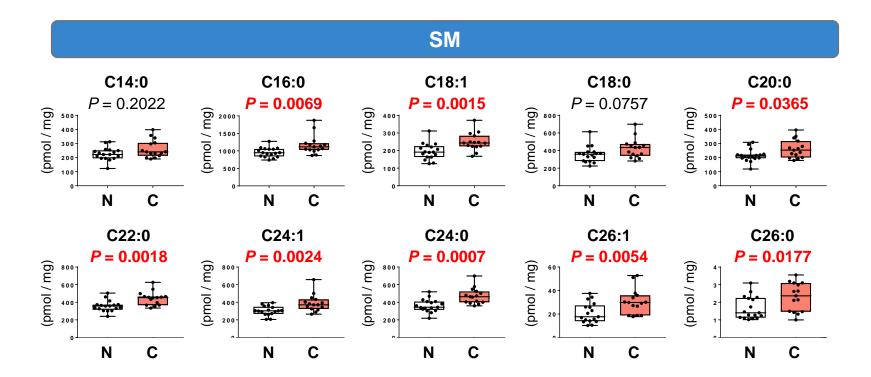
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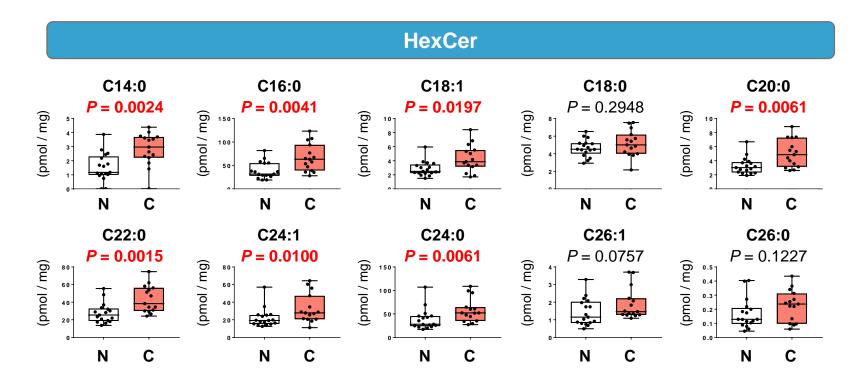
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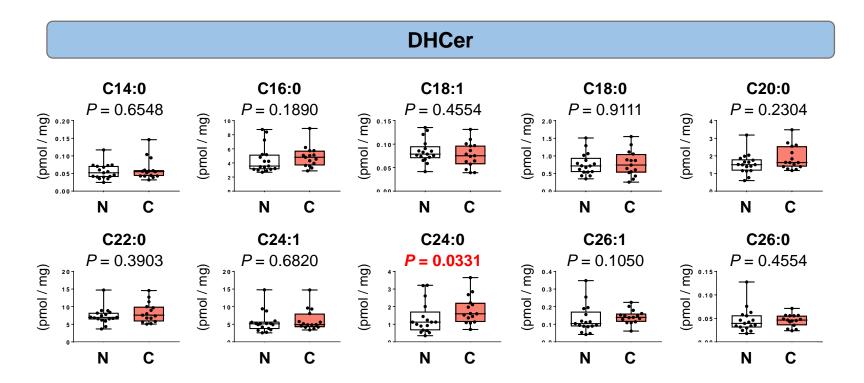
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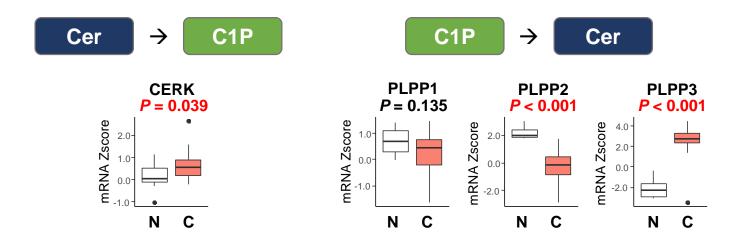
Supplementary Figure 1. The level of SM species (C14:0, C16:0, C18:1, C18:0, C20:0, C22:0, C24:1, C24:0, C26:1, and C26:0) in biliary tract cancer (n = 15) and normal biliary tract tissue (n = 17) were determined by LC-ESI-MS/MS. Mean values are shown by the horizontal lines. Two-sided *P* values < 0.05 were considered statistically significant (Mann-Whitney U test). N: normal biliary tract tissue; C: biliary tract cancer tissue.



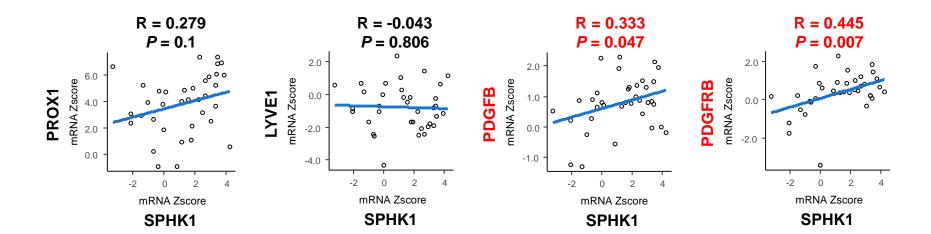
Supplementary Figure 2. The level of HexCer species (C14:0, C16:0, C18:1, C18:0, C20:0, C22:0, C24:1, C24:0, C26:1, and C26:0) in biliary tract cancer (n = 15) and normal biliary tract tissue (n = 17) were determined by LC-ESI-MS/MS. Mean values are shown by the horizontal lines. Two-sided *P* values < 0.05 were considered statistically significant (Mann-Whitney U test). N: normal biliary tract tissue; C: biliary tract cancer tissue.



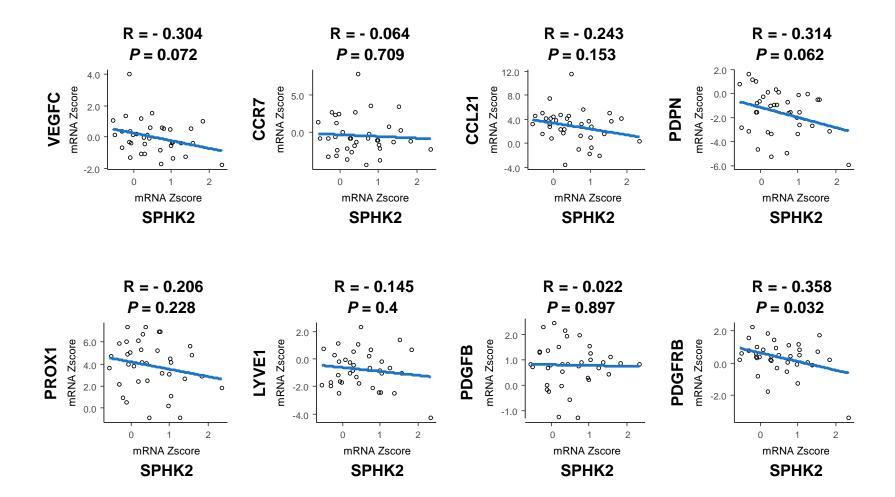
Supplementary Figure 3. The level of DHCer species (C14:0, C16:0, C18:1, C18:0, C20:0, C22:0, C24:1, C24:0, C26:1, and C26:0) in biliary tract cancer (n = 15) and normal biliary tract tissue (n = 17) were determined by LC-ESI-MS/MS. Mean values are shown by the horizontal lines. Two-sided *P* values < 0.05 were considered statistically significant (Mann-Whitney U test). N: normal biliary tract tissue; C: biliary tract cancer tissue.



Supplementary Figure 4. The gene expression level of CERK and PLPPs in TCGA cohort (36 and 9 samples of cancer and non-cancer tissue in cholangiocarcinoma cohort) were analyzed. Mean values are shown by the horizontal lines. Two-sided P values < 0.05 were considered statistically significant (Mann-Whitney U test). N: normal biliary tract tissue; C: biliary tract cancer tissue.

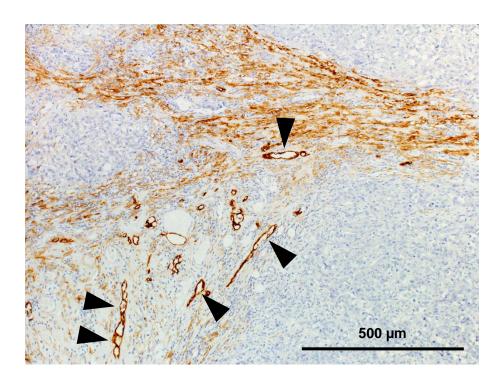


Supplementary Figure 5. Pearson correlations were calculated between gene expression level of SPHK1 and those of PROX1, LYVE1, PDGFB, and PDGFR β in biliary tract cancer in TCGA cohort (36 samples of cancer tissue in cholangiocarcinoma cohort). All tests were two-sided, and *P* values < 0.05 were considered statistically significant.



Supplementary Figure 6. Pearson correlations were calculated between gene expression level of SPHK2 and those of VEGFC, CCR7, CCL21, PDPN, PROX1, LYVE1, PDGFB, and PDGFR β in biliary tract cancer in TCGA cohort (36 samples of cancer tissue in cholangiocarcinoma cohort). All tests were two-sided, and *P* values < 0.05 were considered statistically significant.

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	No. of patients with		_
	pSPHK1 high expression	pSPHK1 low expression	P value
Intratumoral lymphatic vessel density			> 0.999
High	6	2	
Low	9	3	

Supplementary Figure 7. (a) Immunohistochemical staining of D2-40 in biliary tract cancer is shown. Arrow heads shows lymphatic vessels in gallbladder cancer. Scale bar = $500 \mu m$. (b) The association between the pSPHK1 expression and intratumoral lymphatic vessel density in gallbladder cancer tissues with (n = 10) or without lymph node metastasis (n = 10) was evaluated by the Fisher's exact test. All tests were two-sided, and P values < 0.05 were considered statistically significant.