

Answering reviewers

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Dear Editor,

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Title: Clinical Significance of the Neutrophil-Lymphocyte Ratio (NLR) as an Early Predictive Marker for Adverse Outcomes in Patients with Acute Pancreatitis

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First of all, I really appreciate the comments provided by the reviewers. We believe firmly that they will improve the quality of our manuscript. We have carefully revised the manuscript.

Reviewer's code: 02650654

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It is an interesting paper: I suggest some details in the pathophysiology of this immuno-hematological aspect of acute pancreatitis, eventually in the discussion.

Reply: We added some details about the pathophysiology of this immune-hematological aspect of acute pancreatitis in the discussion (Discussion: line 27~36, red-color font).

Reviewer's code: 02916611

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The paper adds some interesting information to the discussion of study about the prognostic value of the neutrophil-lymphocyte ratio (NLR) in patients with acute pancreatitis and it an optimal cut-off value for the prediction of adverse outcomes in

these patients. The proposed test is cheap and easy to use, using tests routinely performed. I think that the manuscript in this form can be accepted for printing.

Reply: Thank you for your comments.

Sincerely yours,

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