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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The study was well done and the results clinically useful.



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Dear authors: nice paper, well written, interesting topic. Major problems: statistical analysis is nice but in my opinion you need taking into account every factor that could change survival analysis (regression) because if you only study HBV/HCV infection and tumoral markers could perform a severe bias. Perhaps patients with high tumoral markers had big tumors or vascular invasion and these data are crucial for survival. I am MD not mathematic and in discussion you said that analysis of factors did not show differences but I think a regression model is needed. Minor problems; legend of the figures are too long. Table 1 and 2 could be joined in one table. First column would be the total group. Table 3 and 4 could be joined in one table. References are OK but a little bit older. Few references are written in five last years.



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(1) For the convenience of the readers, please make your manuscript more concise. (2) What are the clinical implications of these observations? Is there an impact on treatment strategies that you propose? (3) Who wrote the section "peer review" in this manuscript? (4) Linguistic problems (e.g., "Results", paragraph 4: "Table 4 depicts the characteristics of patients the LL group (n = 34), HL group (n = 39), and HH group (n = 27) when these cutoff levels were used as the reference levels" or "Among preoperative liver function parameters, there were significant differences in preoperative ALB levels (P = 0.006), but no significant difference was observed for other parameter"; "Discussion", paragraph 3: "The difference between the cutoff levels for the diagnosis of cancer those to predict prognosis is almost double that for diagnosis")