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1. This study was enrolled from March 2021 to July 2022. What is the observation deadline? 2. In multivariate analysis, AFP is the only statistically significant variable, and this multivariate analysis uses the COX proportional risk model. What time is used in the dependent variable?

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This study is only a single-center retrospective study, with a low level of evidence and can only provide a little reference for clinic. To further explore the comparison of efficacy between the two, multicenter, prospective randomized controlled trials are needed. I would like to recommend authors to reply to the following comments. 1. Do the 70 patients with small hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) included in this study refer to those who are unresectable or unwilling to operate? If it is the former, the comparison between the two is valid; if the latter is included, the comparison between the two is not valid. 2. The data in the table needs to be carefully checked. For example, the total number of HBV, HCV, and Non viral in Etiology in Table 1 is not 70, but 75. 3. The format of the paper does not meet the WJGO's requirements. 4. Minor language polishing is needed.