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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Very interesting study about the albumin-to-alkaline phosphatase ratio in patients with cholangiocarcinoma. In this study, the authors clarify the prognostic significance of preoperative albumin-to-alkaline phosphatase ratio in cholangiocarcinoma subjects



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receiving surgery. About 303 cholangiocarcinoma patients were included. The patients' clinicopathological characteristics and albumin-to-alkaline phosphatase ratio were analyzed. The results indicated that albumin-to-alkaline phosphatase ratio was a potential valuable prognostic indicator in cholangiocarcinoma patients undergoing surgery. Overall, the study is well designed and the results are very interesting. The manuscript is very well written. Title reflects the main subject of the manuscript. The methods are described in detail. The results were well discussed. The data in tables should be checked again, and some minor language polishing should be corrected.

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Excellent study. Albumin-to-alkaline phosphatase ratio is a novel indicator for the prognosis of hepatocellular carcinoma, however, it has not been examined in cholangiocarcinoma. In this retrospective study, the authors identified the prognostic



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significance of albumin-to-alkaline phosphatase ratio in cholangiocarcinoma subjects, followed by investigation of the correlation of albumin-to-alkaline phosphatase ratio with other clinicopathological features. A list of cholangiocarcinoma patients diagnosed by utilizing the patient informatics dataset of PUMCH were obtained, and further enrolled those receiving curative resection and pathologically confirmed. The age, gender, HCV, HBV, ALP, serum ALB, tumor size, number of tumors, TNM stage and curative resection were examined. How about the follow up? The patients' clinical characteristics were well presented. And the significant indicators for RFS determined by univariate and multivariate analyses were demonstrated. The discussion is well organized. Manuscript requires an editing according to the journal's guides. And some minor language polishing should be revised.

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