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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is very interesting paper about TAE for HCC. Author concluded that aggressiveness index (MTD,AFP,PVT and Nodules) was strongly correlated with survival in TAE for HCC. I ask some question. According to author's discussion, a study of 109 patients who underwent TACE from 2006 to 2012, did not show any single component of Child-Pugh score which includes bilirubin was a predictor of survival (28). But in Japan ,Child-Pugh and K-ICG are predictive factor for TAE for HCC. Please tell me your data about Child-Pugh score ,single component of Child-Pugh and the prognosis of TAE for HCC.



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The papers regarding correlation between 'aggressiveness index of hepatocellular carcinoma'(AgI) using 4 parameters, maximum tumor diameter, AFP, presence or absence of PVT and the number of tumors were published already(Ref number 15,16 and 17) and laboratory parameters. This paper analyzed the relation between AgI and 8 laboratory parameters, albumin, ALP, GTP, AST, bilirubin, platelets, WBC and lymphocyte. It is well known that the prognosis of HCC depends on both tumor aggressiveness and liver function, so that degree of cirrhosis. The parameters composing of laboratory parameters(albumin, bilirubin and platelets) are related liver function, some like GPT, AST and ALP are not related with liver function but ongoing liver injury, WBC and lymphocyte are not relevant to liver function. Can authors explain the meaning or hypothesis why the 5 unrelavant parameters included for this



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analysis. Another consideration is that why authors didn't use other factors better reflecting liver function including prothrombin time, and ICG clearance test that reflects very well of degree of cirrhosis. Reviewer also have question about the authors excluded variants of HCC such as combined cholangiocarcinoma or sarcomatous variants, both are more aggressive than ordinary HCC. Another is DCP or PIVKA II as a tumor marker. This is more sensitive for early detection and better marker rather than a-FP in some reports.