

## Answering Reviewers

### ROUND 1

Dear editors and reviewers,

Based on the comments made by reviewers, some major revision has been made accordingly. Details are listed as follow:

1. The Cox regression was added to the statistic analysis section;
2. Hazard ratio for the primary outcome in the study was provided especially these patients with elevated LDH and abnormal liver function;
3. Because of the lack of data integrity, we have decided to remove the hypothesis about overtreatment;
4. Biostatistics Review Certificate and an English editing certificate were provided. The former manuscript wasn't uploaded with the edited version, so many spelling and syntax errors were presented, I am deeply sorry;
5. References, international system of units, manuscript type were both properly fixed with the help of writing guidance provided by Baishideng Publishing Group online.

### ROUND 2

We revised the Table 4 in accordance with the reviewer's request.

Table 4. Univariate and multivariate Cox regression for analyzing the risk factors for PHL patients.

Variables	Univariate			Multivariate		
	HR	95%CI	P value	adjusted HR	95%CI	P value
Sex						

Female	Ref					
Male	1.44 2	0.582-3.57 4	0.429	NA	NA	NA
<b>Age(years)</b>						
<60	Ref					
≥60	1.10 1	0.468-2.59 3	0.825	NA	NA	NA
<b>Virus infection</b>						
Unknown	Ref					
Yes	1.00 9	0.370-2.75 6	0.985	NA	NA	NA
<b>LDH</b>						
Normal	Ref			Ref		
Elevated	3.02 3	1.172-7.79 7	0.022	1.901	0.667-5.41 6	0.229
<b>Liver function</b>						
Normal	Ref			Ref		
Abnormal	2.74 7	1.108-6.81 3	0.030	1.333	0.477-3.73 0	0.584
<b>B symptom</b>						
No	Ref			Ref		
Yes	2.81 0	1.090-7.24 6	0.032	1.785	0.654-4.87 2	0.258
<b>Hepatosplenomegal y</b>						
No	Ref			Ref		
Yes	2.97 1	1.152-7.66 3	0.024	1.925	0.697-5.46 6	0.203
<b>Lesion</b>						

Single	Ref			Ref		
Multiple or diffused	2.74	1.064-7.07	0.037	1.992	0.753-5.27	0.165
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