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Pretreatment serum albumin to alkaline phosphatase ratio is an independent prognosticator of survival in patients with metastatic gastric cancer

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Abstract:

Purpose: Previous studies have suggested that a low albumin to alkaline phosphatase ratio (AAPR) is associated with a lower survival rate in patients with various malignancies. However, the relationship between pretreatment AAPR and the prognosis of patients with gastric cancer (GC) remains unclear. This study investigated the prognostic value of AAPR in distant metastatic GC.

Methods: A total of 191 patients with distant metastatic cancer from a single institute were enrolled in this study. Pretreatment clinical data, including serum albumin and alkaline phosphatase levels, were collected. A chi-square test or Fisher's exact test was applied to evaluate the correlations between AAPR and various clinical parameters related to survival in GC patients. The Kaplan–Meier method and Cox proportional hazards regression model were used to evaluate the prognostic efficacy of AAPR in metastatic GC patients. A two-sided p-value lower than 0.05 was considered statistically significant.

Results: A receiver operating characteristic curve indicated that 0.48 was the optimal threshold value for AAPR. AAPR ≤ 0.48 was significantly associated with bone ($p < 0.05$) and liver metastasis ($p < 0.05$). Higher AAPR values were more often observed in patients who only had one site of metastasis upon diagnosis ($p < 0.05$)....

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