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This manuscript focus on ALP,  $\gamma$ -GT and PLT, which are closely related to the characteristics of liver fibrosis / cirrhosis and the clinical evaluation of decompensation, explore a new index for predicting significant liver fibrosis / cirrhosis in patients with chronic hepatitis B - AGPR, and carry out a meaningful work in the field of noninvasive diagnosis for liver fibrosis / cirrhosis in CHB patients in China.However, there are still some limitations.First, it is a non multicenter retrospective study, which is not representative.Second, the specific data of liver fibrosis stage(F0, F1, F2, F3, F4) based on liver biopsy are incomplete.Third, the impact of treatment interventions on the serum biochemical indexes(ALP,  $\gamma$ -GT, etc) were not specifically explained.These questions need to be further supplemented or explained by the authors.



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1. This manuscript try to develop new parameter to predict the liver fibrosis and cirrhosis in chronic hepatitis B patients in China. 2. The overall results were acceptable for this new parameter (AGPR) and may be useful for clinical practicing. 3. The drawback was a very long time of cases collection which will impact the results. 4. There are some mistaken words, e.g. hepatitis Be antigen (HbeAg) --> hepatitis B e-antigen (HBeAg). Please rechecked through your manuscript. 5. The references format were not the corrected one.