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Authors had studied the prognostic significance of serum FAR for post-hepatectomy HCC patients. Questions as following: 1. Fibrinogen and tumor marker such as CA125, Ca19-9 are not routinely used for HCC. Therefore, this study will not so useful for the most readers. 2. Table 2. AFP cut-off level is ≥ 400 U/L(higher than normal), but the others' levels are in the high normal range, such as TBIL, ALT, AST... This result will cause unfair to position of AFP as a prognostic parameter. 3. In page 8, "To verify the reliability and trend of this association, we further divided HCC patients into four groups based on quartiles of their baseline serum FAR..... group 1,2,3, and 4". It seemed it is necessary to refine the values or explanations to match the figure 2 and 3.