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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Compared with patients with other causes of acute pancreatitis, patients with hypertriglyceridemia-induced acute pancreatitis (HTG-AP) are more likely to develop persistent organ failure (POF). Thus, the authors performed the retrospective study to investigate the early predictive value of red cell distribution width (RDW) for POF in HTG-AP. They revealed that RDW was an excellent predictor of POF in HTG-AP. This is well written paper, but I have the following questions and comments. (1) In the abstract, BISAP should be explained briefly. (2) In the retrospective study, is it necessary to obtain ritten informed consent from each patient. (3) In the data collection (method), you should describe the method of RDW measurement showing the standard values. Does RDW mean RDW-CV? In the other way, the formula to calculate RDW-CV should be described, and addiionally clinical significance (meaning) of RDW-CV should be briefly mentioned in the method.