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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors estimated the age as an independent adverse prognostic factor for OS in AML through multivariate analysis. The statistical study might provide us new sight in diagnosis of AML. However, the authors didn't attach the tables and figures in this manuscript. It is difficult to estimate the reliability of this manuscript without these data. Furthermore, since the population-based studies are restricted in Japanese patients, and prognostic factors may differ among races, there should be an additional "in Japan" in the title. Minor concern: the decimal point presents in the manuscript should be ".", not "?". For example, it should be "21.1%", not "21?1%".



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Ohnishi H et al. reported for the first time that older age is an independent adverse prognostic factor for overall survival in AML patients through a population-based study cohorting 213 adult AML patients, by using multivariate analysis. Although the results of this study are not very surprising, the authors presented the clear data and discussed the results reasonably. They also clarified some limitations in this study in the discussion section. Overall, the manuscript is well-written, and this study will be of interest for broad readers of the World Journal of Hematology.



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Table 1; why does total number of patients in each parameter not coincide with 197? For example, total number of patients in FAB classification is 184 whereas that in myelodysplasia and performance status is 193, and so on. Authors should explain the discrepancy. Page 13, line 5; 22.3~29.9% should be 22.8~29.9% according to Table 1.