

Dear prof,

Regarding my manuscript: "Serum Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor as a Tumor Marker for Hepatocellular Carcinoma in Patients with HCV-related Liver Cirrhosis", with manuscript ID 61027.

At the beginning, I would like to present my profound thanks and deep appreciation to you, sir, for the valuable comments by the reviewers. I edit my manuscript. The added sentences are highlighted by yellow colour. I upload the edited manuscript on the website and by email to Jia-Ping Yan, Director, Science Editor Development Department; j.p.yan@wjgnet.com <j.p.yan@wjgnet.com.

I have read the comments to authors carefully; wanna to reply in the following points:

- Regarding the exclusion of cirrhosis due to alcohol, I added patients with alcoholic liver disease to the exclusion criteria.
- There was no statistically significant difference between the three studied groups as regard age and gender (Table 1).
- Moreover, there was no significant correlation between VEGF, AFP, and VEGF/PLT values and age and sex of the patients.
- Also, there was no significant correlation between tumor characteristics by BCLC and age and sex of the patients.

Best wishes and regards

Ahmed Alzamzamy, M.D.