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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a "Letter to the Editor" with discussions focusing on the article by Xiao et al. (Neutrophil-lymphocyte ratio predicts the prognosis of patients with hepatocellular carcinoma after liver transplantation. World J Gastroenterol 2013; 19: 8398-407). The authors addressed 3 issues that sounded reasonable. Comment The number of References could be decreased.



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This article written by Huseyin Kayadibi et al attempts to commend on Yan's paper. Yan's paper has been published already and is well-written, although there is room to improve as suggested by Huseyin Kayadibi et al. The study in Yan's paper was well designed with clear objective, and the method and results were clearly presented. The first comment made by Huseyin was clearly presented in Yan's paper. Yan was focusing on NLR, but he had never claimed to used NLR as a single test parameter to replace total tumor size and macro-vascular invasion. My understanding that Yan did not focus on total tumor size and macro-vascular invasion is because those two factors were well reported before. The other two comments made by Huseyin in the current article are valuable for improving Yan's paper and their future research. It would be better to delieve those comments to Yan. However, this article is not substantial enough to be a stand alone artile (even if it might be just for a communication artile).



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In the original paper, NLR was the significant factor of tumor recurrence but the other factors were selected as prognostic factors. Because NLR is more complicated due to being a combined factor of inflammation and immune reaction, possible causes affecting NLR should be discussed in the paper. Therefore, the authors' suggestion is thought-provoking. It is suitable for publication in World Journal of Gastroenterology.