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This is an intersting manuscript that shows benefit of using a easily available tool for prognostication after resection for HCC. Comments 1. Before the propensity pair matching was their any correlation between NLR and other histological parameters associated with prognosis. 2. The post op NLR was done at one month. Why was that time point chosen and not an earlier one? 3. Did the authors see any correlation with pre opp and post op NLR and liver dysfunction or other post op complications

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the manuscript of Dr. Bang-De Xiang, is an excellent work of retrospective analysis. It meets consider for publication.