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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 12444-Review.doc).

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) I rewrote and changed recurrence to occurrence.

(2) I moved the "Figs.3a,b" into the paragraph.

(3) I tried to analyze the combination of LI ratio and AFP level but unfortunately the both two patients developed HCC in the higher LI group had lower AFP levels under 10ng/mL, so there were no merits to combine LI and AFP.

(4) I tried other cutoff value of 20,or 100ng/mL. Using cutoff 20ng/mL in those with a serum AFP \geq 20 ng/mL it showed significant higher than in those with serum AFP<20 ng/mL. But about cutoff 100nm/mL there were only 3 patients who had over 100ng/mL so it could not show significance. I was wondering whether using cutoff value 10 or 20, there was no significant differences between these two groups considering its sensitivity, specificity, positive predictive value and negative predictive values. But the sensitivity was slightly lower (0.47) at cutoff of 20 ng/mL so I decided to use 10 ng/mL as the representative value of cutoff.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Hepatology*

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