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JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF (ASSOCIATE EDITOR) COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Three main reasons for the use of tumor markers may be detection of HCC (during surveillance), diagnosis of HCC (for the definite diagnosis in radiologically atypical case or case without underlying liver disease), and their prognostic values. In this regard, there is no information regarding these three purposes in this article. Correlation with serum AFP level is not important clinically. Therefore, at least, the optimal cutoff levels of prolidase and AFP for the diagnosis of HCC, and their sensitivity and specificity should be shown in this study, and discussion whether the prolidase activity is superior to AFP should be included.

Answering:

As you know, there is no a perfect marker for HCC even AFP. In our study, we suggest a new marker for supporting to AFP about tumor diameter and number in HCC.

If you accept our manuscript for publication, we will be glad and win a courage for a new extended study about this subject.

Sincerely yours,