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Major criticism

1. The author determined the cutoff value of the dNLR and PNI from ROC curve according to OS. What time did you decide on survival?

2. The patients were treated by only TACE? Were there the additional therapies after TACE refractory?

3. The author should describe clearly about the advantage of combination of dNLR and PLR in discussion.

4. Figure 2 is not clear.

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