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Reviewer: Shungte Kao

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1. Please explain why the evaluation of hepatotoxicity did not include bilirubin, ALKP, prothromin time and AFP.

2. Please explain why there was no evaluation of hepatotoxicity.

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