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Hepatitis Weekly

Cancer Diagnosis

Serum complexes bolster the detection of primary liver cancer

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According to researchers in Italy, "we assessed the presence of alpha-fetoprotein (AFP) complexed with immune globulin M (IgM) (AFP-IgM IC) in serum of patients affected by hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC), cirrhosis and chronic hepatitis as well as in healthy subjects by means of a dedicated enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA)."

"The amount of AFP-IgM IC was expressed in arbitrary units (AU) on a reference standard curve. Free AFP (FAFP) levels were determined in parallel in each sample by means of an automated immunoassay system," wrote L. Beneduce and colleagues, XEPTAGEN S.p.A....

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