

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Title: Changes of Shear-Wave Velocity by Interferon and Ribavirin Combination Therapy

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Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers

Comment 1: Author names should be given first, then the complete name of institution, city, province and postcode.

Response: We revised according to an indication.

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Response: We added sentence of core tip.

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Response: We don't need the audio tip.

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Comment 11: **COMMENTS**

Response: We added sentence of COMMENT.

Comment 12: Table: No parts. Make Table 1A and Table 1B into Tables 1 and 2, or combine into one table. o graphics, boxes, or embedded tables. Please provide Word (preferred), Excel format. Tables must be primarily cell-based and fully editable.

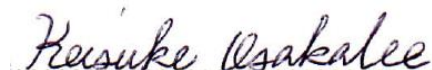
Response: The pattern of the table was changed to the Excel file.

Comment of Reviewer 00052926: The first comment is that there are no spaces between words which makes reading difficult. Why did the authors omit the spaces? It may be useful to correlate FIB-4 and APRI score values with Vs measurement. Did they have a good correlation? What happened with the FIB-4 and APRI score values after antiviral treatment? Did they display significant changes similar to ARFI? If yes, then it should be important for the authors to explain the usefulness of ARFI which is more expensive method than the above scores.

Response: The Vs values correlated with APRI and FIB-4. The changes of APRI and FIB-4 after antiviral treatment were similar to those of Vs values. However, APRI and FIB-4 are calculated by using platelets, ALT, AST and age, and they are affected by AST, AST and age. In contrast, ARFI measures the physical property of liver directly. Therefore the Vs values seem to be more appropriate for an evaluation of liver fibrosis compared with APRI and FIB-4.

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

Sincerely yours,



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