

Re: ESPS Manuscript NO: 18495

NON-INVASIVE ASSESSMENT OF LIVER FIBROSIS IN PATIENTS WITH ALCOHOLIC LIVER DISEASE (ALD)

Dear Dr Ma,

Thank you for provisionally accepting our manuscript. We have made all requested format changes and also addressed the points raised by the peer-reviewers. A point-to-point response to them is included below.

Reviewer 1:

Well-written and organized review, which could be accepted for publication after few correctons easy to make:

1. Few spelling errors (see the title!)

Thank you, we have corrected spelling mistakes throughout the manuscript including the title.

2. Key words and core –tip are lacking: please, write them!

We have now provided key words and core tip as requested.

3. Please, read carefully the Format for references. Take care at style for journal references.

We have now amended these according to journal style.

Reviewer 2

The manuscript by Lombardi et al Is a very good paper on non-invasive assessment of liver fibrosis in patients with ALD .

I have some remarks about :

- 1- study done by Cassinotto (26) can't be cited because there lack of separate analysis according to ALD .

Although there was no separate analysis on ALD, we doubt that the comparative performance of these tests varies according to the underlying aetiology of liver disease. We now further comment on this issue.

- 2- Study carried out by Bensamoun is ininterpretable study because the authors used TE as gold standard .

We agree and we now further comment on this

- 3- more detail of cost-effectiveness analyses of non-invasive fibrosis tests in ALD are needed in the text .

We have provided further details as requested.

We hope we have addressed these comments in a satisfactory way and that our manuscript is now acceptable for publication.

Yours sincerely

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