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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 23245Revised manuscript.doc).

Title: Ultrasound elastographic techniques in assessing focal liver lesions

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers:

(1) Reviewer#1. It's a very detailed review in a very interesting issue and I recommend its publication. It would be useful to read if it had at the end of the manuscript a more extensive list of abbreviations used in the text. Minor revision of English.

The list of abbreviations has been included at the end of the manuscript

(2) Reviewer #2:

- In "SONOELASTOGRAPHIC TECHNIQUES" section, there listed a number of different elastographic techniques. You should list those in a Table. In addition, you should add each manufacturer's name and trade name for better understanding of readers.

The requested table has been included (Table 2) and the manufacturer's name have been reported.

- You described like this "Quasi-Static". Is this word official? I've never seen it. You should replace just "Static" or "Strain".

Even if the term "quasi-static" (used in our previous version of the manuscript) is largely used (only as an example this is used in the recent guidelines from WFUMB see *Ultrasound in Med. & Biol.*, Vol. 41, No. 5, pp. 1126–1147, 2015), the term "strain" suggested by the reviewer is surely more actual and technical. Therefore we changed it, as suggested. We thank the reviewer.

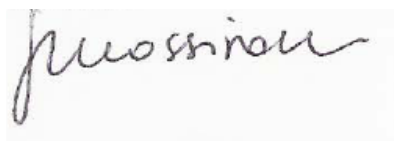
- In "ULTRASOUND ELASTOGRAPHIC TECHNIQUES IN FOCAL LIVER LESIONS" section, "General consideration" section has nothing to do with focal liver lesion. You should get rid of it.

As suggested, most of the paragraph has been removed, leaving only what is relevant to the topic of the review.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Massironi', written in a cursive style.

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