

Answering Reviewers

We thank the reviewers for their contribution to the improvement of the current manuscript.

#1

Q: What was the correlation between histologic fibrosis and shear wave velocity?

Answer: The current study investigates patients without chronic liver disease. Patients with marked fibrosis on histologic examination, representing chronic liver disease, were excluded from further analysis. Thus, a correlation between fibrosis and shear wave velocity cannot be done with the current data.

Q: When limited to the major resection group, is there any correlation or tendency between liver stiffness and with or without chemotherapy enforcement?

Answer: Only 3 of the patients who underwent a major resection did not receive preoperative chemotherapy. Statistical analysis of the relation between liver stiffness and chemotherapy within the major group will be uncertain due to the small number of patients.

#2

No questions from reviewer number 2.

#3

Q: My suggestion is to shorten the Methods part in Abstract, and present Table 1 with two groups.

Answer: According to the submission guidelines, the methods section of the abstract should be no less than 80 words.

Table 1 have been rearranged and data is now presented separate for patients who underwent exploration only, minor resection and major resection respectively.

#02944278

Dear editor,

We believe that the reported results add to the knowledge of liver elastography. It's regrettable that reviewer 2 do not find any utility of the study presenting unique findings. As for the second comment, the aim of the study was not to improve hepatectomy results, but to investigate the change in liver stiffness after resection.

Sincerely,

Christian Stureson