

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

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**Title:** Liver elastography, comments on EFSUMB elastography guidelines 2013

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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 reviewer

**Reviewer 00159299**

Good review. Accurate, comprehensive.

Thank you very much.

**Reviewer 02526284**

This manuscript by Cui XW et al. summarizes and comments on the recently-published EFSUMB Guidelines and Recommendations on the Clinical Use of Ultrasound Elastography. This review article is well-written, and summarizes the topic systematically with sufficient number of references. I have only a few minor comments.

- (1) The authors adopted references mostly from the studies of Western countries. Thus, it is recommended that the authors add the studies from Asian countries for a balanced review.

We added 11 references from China (Hong Kong), South Korea and India for a more balanced review.

- (2) Regarding the factors influencing liver elasticity in patients with chronic liver disease, it would be better to add more references on the influence of meal and respiration on liver elasticity (Page 4).

We added one paragraph to discuss the influence of food intake and respiration to liver elasticity. Please see the highlighted paragraph in the page 5 of the revised version.

- (3) Recently, the usefulness of TE in patients with chronic hepatitis B has been proved in many studies from Asian countries including Hong Kong, South Korea, and China mainland. Thus, I strongly recommend that the authors add the results from these studies (Page 9).

We added the results of these studies from Asian countries to discuss the usefulness of TE in patients with chronic hepatitis B. Please see the highlighted paragraph in the page 13 and 14 of the revised version.

- (4) Although EFSUMB guideline claim that the evidence is limited regarding the usefulness of TE for assessment of liver fibrosis in patients with other types of chronic liver disease (Page 10), there is an increasing number of evidence on the usefulness of TE in patients with chronic hepatitis B. Thus, EFSUMB guideline and recommendations on TE would require a revision in the near future, and it is recommended that the authors describe this issue briefly in the review.

We agree with you and we added your comments in the manuscript to suggest updated guidelines and recommendations in the near future. Please see the highlighted paragraph in the page 14 of the revised version.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,



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