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PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastroenterology

Manuscript NO: 39749

Title: COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF CURRENT GUIDELINES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF NON-ALCOHOLIC FATTY LIVER DISEASE

Reviewer's code: 00812852

Reviewer's country: Iran

Science editor: Xue-Jiao Wang

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The article is of interest but needs to be more clear. The English needs some minor polishing . The main problem is using the exact words and not changing them to a more comparable statements . This makes the main purpose of the writers not achievable.



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Tables could have less texts in this regards. The part on definition is devoted mostly to the amount of alcohol ingestion . I think there should be section on ethanol ingestion as an exclusion and another one on true definition. I think there is a vague definition in all of the mentioned guidelines both for fatty liver and NASH. The use of S score in elastography was not discussed . Explanation of the Fatty Liver Index (FLI) [20] and the NAFLD liver fat score could make the manuscript more understandable as many readers in north America might not know about them.

INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Associate Editor, Thank you for sending me the article entitled "COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF CURRENT GUIDELINES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF NON-ALCOHOLIC FATTY LIVER DISEASE" for review. This review compared five



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recent clinical guidelines for the diagnosis and management of NAFLD. The method of review seems to be scientific. The comparisons of results are well demonstrated in the tables. In my opinion this is a well written paper and could be published in the current form.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors described the comparative analysis of the most recent international guidelines for the management of NAFLD. They showed some common orientation between the different recommendations, as well as diverging points. This kind of the



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review will be a benefit for readers to understand the management of NAFLD easily. I have only a minor comment. A minor comment. #1. 3) WHICH IS THE ROLE - - -S? Noninvasive predictor biomarkers - - -. The current absence - - - is leading “a” to considerable - - - and “a” to the development - - -. What do these “a”s mean?

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The paper submitted by Leoni et al. systemically reviewed the five non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) guidelines that are strictly focusing on the topics of diagnosis and management of NAFLD. The guidelines examined are EASL, NICE, ASIA-PACIFIC,



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AISF, and AASLD. The authors explored the similarities and differences in the light of the possible evolution of NAFLD in the following year. The definition of NAFLD, screening strategies in high-risk populations, non-invasive biomarkers for the assessment of advanced fibrosis, follow-up protocols, and treatment modalities were widely examined. Despite the fact that the paper is devoid of novel findings, the paper deserves some attention for its thoroughness and being informative. The authors may consider having some tables showing the differences in invasive assessment of fibrosis and follow-up protocols which would enhance the understanding of the article. Last but not least, the paper looks more of a systemic review than a comparative analysis to me so revising the title is recommended.

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