

## Answering reviewers

**02992514 Conclusion: Accept (General priority)**

**Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)**

**Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)**

**Well done! The study is very interesting. I have no comments.**

Answer: Thanks for your support.

**02955837 Conclusion: Accept (General priority)**

**Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)**

**Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)**

**Very well written manuscript. The methods are well described and results are interesting. The study is useful. Manuscript need a language editing.**

Answer: Thanks for your support. The manuscript has been revised.

**02856261 Conclusion: Minor revision**

**Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)**

**Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)**

**N/A**

Answer: Thanks for your support.

**02855868 Conclusion: Minor revision**

**Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)**

**Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)**

**In this study, the authors investigated the value of ultrasound elastography and serological indexes in the combined diagnosis of CHB and hepatic fibrosis, and explored its model for assessing the severity of hepatic fibrosis. About 200 male patients and 138 females were included in this study. The patient was underwent fasting, and was placed in the left lateral decubitus position, with the right-hand on the head. Then, the right hepatic tissue of the liver was detected. And the serum ALT, AST, PLT and TBIL were detected using an automatic biochemical analyzer, while HA, LN, CIV and PIIINP were measured by photochemiluminescence. Also, the liver tissue biopsy was simultaneously performed with ultrasound elastography and serological tests. The method was described in adequate detail, and the research objectives were achieved by the experiments used in this study. The figures and tables are excellent. The results are excellent and well discussed. A minor revision is required, the authors should edit and revise the manuscript according to the journal's standard. And some minor language polishing should be corrected.**

Answer: Thanks for your support. The manuscript has been revised and the language has been corrected.

**02854851 Conclusion: Accept (General priority)**

**Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)**

**Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)**

**This is an interesting study about the value of ultrasound elastography and serological indexes in the combined diagnosis of chronic hepatitis B and hepatic fibrosis. I don't have special comments to the authors. Only the language need a minor revision.**

**Answer:** Thanks for your support. The language has been corrected.