



PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Language quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing [] Grade B: Minor language polishing [] Grade C: A great deal of language polishing [] Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	[] Accept (High priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) [] Minor revision [] Major revision [] Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript (ID: 02861208) entitled "Clinical assessment and management of liver fibrosis in non-alcoholic fatty liver disease" was by Campos-Murguía A, et al. This is a review paper. Main comments 1. The abstract probably can be organized into the goals, methods and findings in a succinct way. This may help readers to grasp your purposes and findings. 2. Please also discuss the benefits of bariatric surgeries to obesity and type 2 diabetes.



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This manuscript is a review of the available methodology to define the extent of hepatic fibrosis in patients with nonalcoholic fatty liver disease. The review places this information in context and reviewed available therapeutic intervention. The analysis of the strength of evidence of each method of fibrosis determination is a valuable combined reference given the many choices available to clinicians. The text has multiple minor grammatical / typing errors, but is well written and thoroughly referenced. This paper helps the clinician decide of the method of defining illness and choosing intervention in this important and growing group of patients. Specific comments: 1. In the discussion of the use of vitamin E for the treatment of fatty liver, there is evidence to more strongly support use in the nondiabetic population. This distinction is not explained in the manuscript and would be a valuable clarifying note. 2. Most of the agents being proposed or discussed for use in fatty liver therapeutics remain experimental. This fact is discussed at the conclusion of the paper, but adding this information more prominently in the text where the agents are introduced would be valuable to the reader looking for intervention for an individual patient. 3. The use of RAS inhibitors in NAFLD is strongly endorsed and referenced to Goh, et .al. The paper referenced is a retrospective cross sectional study. I question the strength of evidence for the strong recommendation for use given by the authors. This may be best further tempered or explained. 4. The advice given is to use the algorithm to define patients with suspected advanced fibrosis to consider for liver biopsy. There are considerations other than fibrosis to judge need for biopsy that should be mentioned in discussion. These include suspected steatohepatitis and concern about an alternative or additional diagnosis for the etiology of liver disease.



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The manuscript is a useful review of the clinical data useful in making decisions in the treatment of patients with fatty liver disease. The authors have improved the manuscript by addressing the reviewers comments.



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The manuscript (56823) entitled "Clinical assessment and management of liver fibrosis in non-alcoholic fatty liver disease" is a review by Alejandro Campos-Murguía, et al. The author aimed to propose a practical and stepwise approach to the evaluation and management of liver fibrosis in patients with NAFLD, analyzing the currently available literature. Main comments 1. Some language editing is needed. For example, in the second paragraph of the abstract section, its should be "... take into account...". 2. Please do not define abbreviation when it only appears once. For example, PDFF only appeared once.