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JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I had read with interest the manuscript titled: "Metabolomics in chronic hepatitis C: Decoding fibrosis grading and underlying pathways" It would be interesting to the hepatology field to repeat this methodology in other liver diseases such as alcoholic and other steatotic liver diseases. Comments: In the introduction section: any sentence including a number needs a reference after it. In the methodology section: The authors should state the absence of any co- morbid liver diseases (e.g. SLDs) to the list of exclusion criteria. In the "identification of biomarkers" section: the mentioned link is not working. In the discussion; at the end of the first paragraph; what is meant by "analytical bias of histological classification? Isn't it odd to degrade the gold standard to which you referred all the results of your manuscript??? It is better to state points of weakness of the work. Authors can state that although the results of this work is encouraging; liquid biopsy could be used side by side with the other noninvasive tests (like elastography) for achieving more accuracy in predicting



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prognosis. Table 1: the last two cells are not clear! (what is 1 and No 1?) Finally, there should be a section for the abbreviations.