

All the questions and comments from reviewers were taken into consideration carefully and the answers were shown as followed.

Reviewer #1:

The Authors explored the value of 2D-SWE using Emax in the differential diagnosis of FLLs. They suggest that malignant FLLs were stiffer than benign ones and liver metastases were stiffer than primary liver carcinomas, proposing that 2D-SEW with Emax may be a useful complement to conventional ultrasound for the differential diagnosis of FLLs. the results are sound and the paper is overall well presented. I don't have any specific comment, although I feel that the results can be of interest for a minor niche of researchers.

Thank you very much for your recognition of our work.

Reviewer #2:

1) Among non-invasive modalities for the evaluation of FLLs, you haven't discussed enough about contrast-enhanced ultrasound (CEUS). Please, do it considering the following articles, which you must cite in the reference:
-Diagnostic Performance and Confidence of Contrast-Enhanced Ultrasound in the Differential Diagnosis of Cystic and Cysticlike Liver Lesions. AJR Am J Roentgenol 2017;209(3):W119-W127. doi: 10.2214/AJR.16.17062. Epub 2017 Jun 22.
-Contrast-enhanced ultrasound in the characterization of complex cystic focal liver lesions. Ultrasound Med Biol 2015;41(5):1301-10. doi: 10.1016/j.ultrasmedbio.2014.12.667. Epub 2015 Feb 7.

I cited these two articles and discussed more about CEUS in Discussion section.

2) I have found only one figure. You must add others.

Typical images were added.

3) A comparison of the findings with the CEUS would be interesting. Even if it has not been carried out, at least some cases also evaluated with CEUS could be shown in the figures.

In this study, CEUS was used only for a few patients without pathological results. As our point was to evaluate the value of 2D-SWE, we don't have the comparison of the findings between 2D-SWE and CEUS. Actually, this topic is very interesting and we would like to do some related research later. Thank you very much.