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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 10612-review.doc).

Title: LIVER FIBROSIS IN PRIMARY INTESTINAL LYMPHANGIECTASIA: AN UNDERVALUED TOPIC

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

This is a case report written in the format of a Letter to the Editor. The case report is on a 17-year old female who was diagnosed to suffer from primary intestinal lymphangiectasia. In spite of enteral nutrition which was based on hyper-proteic, vitamin, low fat and medium-chain triglyceride supplementation, the patient's liver fibrosis doubled on elastography. My comments on this paper are:
(1) The English needs to improve. The paper contains a lot of grammatical mistakes.

The language policy was performed by a native speaker.

(2) There is no information on whether other causes which led to liver fibrosis had been ruled out.

Revised manuscript clearly details that all possible causes of liver progressive diseases were excluded by specific investigations. Also cardiac failure was ruled out.

(3) This patient showed improvements both clinically and serologically (normalization of aminotransferase and gamma-glutamyltransferase). I do not understand why the liver stiffness became double. Is there a good explanation by the authors?

The decrease of aminotransferase and gamma-glutamyltransferase was presumably due to the improvement of nutritional conditions with a reduced hepatic cytolysis and cholestasis, which characterize liver steatosis of malnutrition. Indeed, these investigations cannot be considered as markers of liver fibrosis. Paradoxically, this condition may induce a decrease of the values of aminotransferases by reducing hepatocyte mass.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Hepatology*.

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