

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name:11841-edited final version.doc).

Title: Transient elastography improves detection of liver cirrhosis compared to routine screening tests

Author: Thomas Göbel, Janine Schadewaldt-Tümmers, Lucas Greiner, Christopher Poremba, Dieter Häussinger, and Andreas Erhardt

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

- 1 Language was modified by an English language editing company. Language certificate is attached
- 2 Running title was added ("Transient elastography improves cirrhosis detection")
- 3 Affiliations were modified: Göbel T and Erhardt are currently working in Petrus-Krankenhaus, Wuppertal, but study took place in the Klinik für Gastroenterologie, Hepatologie und Infektiologie, Gastroenterology, where they were working at the time
- 4 Copyright Assignment of all authors except Prof. Häussinger is attached. Prof. Häussinger is currently in holiday, signature can be given not before August 18th
- 5 Zip numbers of cities were added
- 6 Core tip with less than 100 words was added
- 7 Comments section is attached
- 8 DOI-numbers were added to the reference lists if available
- 9 Reviewers wish
 1. Approval by local ethical committee
 - The invasive procedure was part of daily routine. Indication for biopsy was not part of the study. Clinical investigation, ultrasound and transient elastography are non-invasive procedures, therefore a decision of the local ethical committee was not necessary
 2. AUROC in graphical form
 - No further figures were attached as there are already five tables and AUROC-values were already mentioned in the text. A figure will not supply anymore information

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Erhardt', is centered below the text 'Sincerely yours,'.

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