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Dear Dr Gao,

Thank you very much for your decision letter regarding our manuscript entitled "Noninvasive models for assessment of liver fibrosis in patients with chronic hepatitis B virus infection" (ESPS manuscript NO: 25610). We also thank the reviewers for the valuable comments and suggestions. Based on the comments and suggestions from the reviewers, we have made minor revisions in the manuscript. All amendments are highlighted in red in the revised manuscript. In addition, point-by-point responses to the comments are listed as follows:

COMMENTS TO AUTHOR

Reviewer #1: This paper is well written. It will become better if the data of the special population such as children is added to this paper.

Response: Thank you for your suggestion. We performed an electronic search on PubMed/Medline, EMBASE and the Cochrane Library including the following search terms: children, age, hepatitis B, noninvasive models and fibrosis. The language was limited to English. There were no special noninvasive models for children.

Reviewer #2: 1. Core tip should be listed tandemly.

Response: To more accurately reflect the content of the manuscript, we have now changed the core tip tandemly.

2. Authors should be listed advantage and disadvantage among non-invasive and invasive by table, it is better to reader.

Response: Thank you for your insightful suggestion. One table listing the advantages and disadvantages of the noninvasive and invasive methods has been added to the revised manuscript (Table 1, Page 33) to address this issue.

We would once again like to thank you and the reviewers for evaluating of our manuscript. We believe that the quality of our manuscript has been significantly improved after revising it according to the comments and suggestions. We hope that the revised manuscript is now acceptable for publication in your prestigious journal *World Journal of Gastroenterology*. We look forward to hearing from you.

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