

Dear Editor,

We highly appreciate the positive and helpful comments of both reviewers. These comments have been very helpful for the revision and have been addressed in the revised version of the manuscript. In the following we would like to answer the questions of the reviewers step by step:

Important define in introduction of the paper which age comprehends “children”, cause there are examples in fig.1 (10 years) and 2 (16 years – is adolescents). Must have define target population.

We have clarified this in the text.

“Liver fibrosis is a dynamic reaction of the healthy liver towards chronic cell injury (for review see [2]). Isn’t necessary put (**for review see [2]**). Only reference.

We have changed this in the text.

“It can be observed in most patients with chronic liver disease regardless of its cause [3] and regardless of the age of the patient”. Can write “It can be observed in most patients with chronic liver disease regardless of its cause [3] and of the age of the patient.” Extract regardless for twice.

We have changed this in the text.

“...if fibroses is detected early in the course and if an intervention is possible.” Necessary Improvement this sentence about development of liver disease.

We have changed this in the text.

“Another drawback is the nature of liver disease and the sample size [8].” This sentence is not clear. Need to clarify for better understanding.

We have changed this in the text.

Table 1 - If table 1 appoints the scores evaluated in children, why authors put informations of "adults" ??? Is really necessary include the second column (evaluated in adults with)???

All histologic scoring systems for changes in liver architecture are based on studies in large adult populations with clearly defined diseases (Hepatitis B and C). They have been transferred to rare pediatric diseases later. We found it important to put these facts into the table to show where these scoring systems originate from. Therefore we would like to leave the column in the table.

Table 2 - Normal values have been defined as Mean + 1.64 times SD while control values are expressed as mean. This sentence must be described in footnote.

We have changed this in the text and put the definition of "Normal value" into the heading of the table as it is relevant in both, adults and children

There are a lot of old references, can substitute some for news?

There are no newer data on items like: quality of sample size or location in liver biopsy. The basic data according to liver fibrosis are from the 80s and 90s. We suggest these papers as very basic for all the work that has been done up today to non-invasive liver stiffness measurement.