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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Paka L et al. aimed to determine the anti-fibrotic effects of Senicapoc (a KCa3.1 channel inhibitor) in different animal models. Senicapoc therapeutic effect seems to be mediated by a reduction in steatosis suggesting that fat accumulation in the hepatocytes might be directly related to the development of inflammation and in turn of fibrosis. The authors conclude that Senicapoc could be a good candidate for the treatment of NASH for the improvement of both steatosis and fibrosis. Minor comments: The abstract seems to be a "review abstract". Consider to rewrite it including the main finding of the study.