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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting paper looking at the potential role of CD4 T cells and NK cells as biomarkers for hepatic fibrosis in patients coinfected with HIV/HCV, who present a therapeutic challenge. Could the authors please respond to the following questions/comments? 1) Regarding the test groups, did the authors consider patients with only HIV and only HCV in terms of their NK and CD 4 T cell expression pattern? 2) Had the HCV positive patients received any treatments (either at the time of the experiment or prior) and which ones? 3) What was the HCV RNA level of these patients? 4) Regarding the level of fibrosis, how many patients were evaluated by biopsy and how many by fibroscan?