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Title: permanent hypoxia predisposes to mild elevation of liver stiffness

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

- Format has been updated
- We specified the units for each indicator in table 1.
- The rareness of alive patients with non operated patients with cyanotic patients does not allow to increase the number of samples considerably.
As you know, the mean age of the death of non operated pulmonary stenosis, tetralogy of fallot, tricuspid atresia ans transposition of great vessels is under 12 years. (British Heart Journal 1972,34, 3-8).
- Thus, it is very difficult to involve adult alive patients with inoperate cyanotic cardiopathy. We added only 2 others patients.
- All causes of liver diseases including alcohol, viral hepatitis were excluded.
- Multiple linear regression can not be applied in our survey beacause only one variable was associeted with liver stiffness.
- We added a table with cardiac status of the patietns with cyanotic cardiopathy in the body text.
- We also add that the cardiac patient did not have heart failure, nor transfusion before.
- We change "inoperated" by "non operated" in the text.
- We elaborated patients and methods section.
- We described saturation oxygen measurments technique.
- References and typesetting were corrected

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

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