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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors evaluated the diagnostic performance of FIB-4, NFS, APRI and BARD in patients with MAFLD. Furthermore, the subgroup analysis was performed in HBV-MAFLD group and pure MAFLD group. It is especially interesting that the subjects were divided into HBV-MAFLD and pure MAFLD. 1. Why were the AUROC of FIB-4, NFS and APRI higher in HBV-MAFLD group than in pure MAFLD group? The authors should discuss in this point. 2. Did the HBV-MAFLD subjects have chronic hepatitis or inactive carrier? receive nucleosides analogue treatment? This point will affect the results of this study.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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