

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 12786-review.doc).

**Title:** Non invasive tools for the diagnosis of liver cirrhosis

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

1 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Reviewer number 02444774

As suggested by the reviewer, we have included a section on magnetic resonance elastography pages 27 -28, from line 14 to line 23 of page 27 and from line 1 to line 15 of page 28:

Magnetic resonance elastography (MRE)

MRE is similar to ultrasound....

5 references (from 175 to 179) have been added

As suggested by the reviewer, we have added the highlights page 29, lines 17 - 21 :

A paragraph on Highlights has been added as suggested by the referee

Highlights

Apart from the methods.....

We have added reference n 184.

We mentioned the Fibrotouch as explicitly required by the reviewer, but we did not put any references because we did not find articles in English.

Reviewer number 00069297

We commented as the reviewer requires the usefulness of ultrasonography in the diagnosis of hepatic fibrosis in hepatic Schistosomiasis: Page 16, lines 16-23:

Ultrasound is also a very useful and.....

We have mentioned the guidelines of the WHO and the work reported by the reviewer adding references respectively 112, 113

We have changed the numbering of the references in Tables 3,4,5 in order to adapt to the new sequence

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

Sincerely yours,