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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The article entitled "Diagnosis of Alcoholic Liver Disease: An Invited Review" is a fine review, however the following issues should be noted first. At least 50% of the patients with alcoholic liver disease have increased hepatic iron content, which may lead to a diagnostic confusion with hereditary hemochromatosis. The differential diagnosis of hemochromatosis and increased iron indexes in alcoholic liver disease should be discussed in detail. What is the current status of alcoholic steatohepatitis and alcoholic hepatitis in the spectrum of alcoholic liver disease? There is a need for an evaluation of these two concepts, whether they represent same conditions or not. Another question that arises is that; what is value of liver biopsy in discrimination of alcoholic simple steatosis and alcoholic steatohepatitis? Are there non-invasive methods or markers other than liver biopsy to differentiate those two conditions?