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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

- key words: i suggest to synthesize it. - Introduction section: i suggest to report the data on the alcoholic cirrhosis, the first reason for liver transplantation in Europe; one of the most feared complications of cirrhosis is portal hypertension with development not only of esophageal, but also of gastric varices - TE section: in this section is important to report the different diagnostic cut-off on the basis of the different causes of cirrhosis (Abenavoli et al. Can J Gastroenterol 2007) - I suggest to report a section with a comparison of the costs/effectiveness of all the diagnostic techniques reported in the text,



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This review article summarized recent reports concern about US-based non-invasive diagnosis tools for evaluation of liver cirrhosis and portal hypertension. They included 85 references. Unfortunately, they did not provide a clear concept of how TE or ARFI could be used in clinical diagnosis. This may make reviewers and readers difficult to catch a clear ideal on this review. Specific comments: 1. Please include several Tables or Figures to demonstrate the main concepts of this review. 2. Different etiologies have different characteristic in development of liver cirrhosis or portal hypertension. It is important to mention the underlying etiologies of liver fibrosis at the description of each report. 3. Please give an explanation of how TE may predict portal hypertension while ARFI may not.