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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Authors are kindly requested to comment the following issues: Not everyone agrees with the concept that Fatty liver is a benign condition or a semi-benign condition. Authors are kindly requested to add these references to complete the picture... Is Assessing the Presence of NASH by Liver Histology or Surrogate Markers Always Advisable? Hepat Mon. 2013 Feb 20;13(2):e7560. What has the optimistic bias got to do with the need to differentiate fatty liver from nonalcoholic steatohepatitis? J Gastrointestin Liver Dis. 2011 Sep;20(3):229-31. Is fatty liver always benign and should not consequently be treated? J Physiol Pharmacol. 2013 Feb;64(1):3-9. It is mandatory to cure also simple fatty liver and not only NASH, and due to the lack of concrete drugs the options are physical activity and diet. Authors are kindly requested to add these references... Have guidelines addressing physical activity been established in nonalcoholic fatty liver disease? World J Gastroenterol. 2012 Dec 14;18(46):6790-800. Is there any consensus as to what diet or lifestyle approach is the right one for NAFLD patients? J Gastrointestin Liver Dis. 2012 Sep;21(3):293-302. Is visceral fat reduction necessary to favour metabolic changes in the liver? J Gastrointestin Liver Dis. 2012 Jun;21(2):205-8. Some words on the spleen are advised, quoting ...Liver-spleen axis, insulin-like growth factor-(IGF)-I axis and fat mass in overweight/obese females. J Transl Med. 2011 Aug 16;9:136. Liver-spleen axis: intersection between immunity, infections and metabolism. World J Gastroenterol. 2013 Jun 21;19(23):3534-42. NAFLD diagnosed on the means of US could be considered a new criterion for MS, for its simplicity, availability all over the world and being very cheap... mostly different from other techniques, taking into consideration the skyrocketing of health system costs....these are the most important characteristics. Authors are kindly requested to add these references to complete the the cost benefit analysis. What about non-alcoholic fatty liver disease as a



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new criterion to define metabolic syndrome? World J Gastroenterol. 2013 Jun 14;19(22):3375-84.



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This clearly written summary of imaging techniques in NAFLD would benefit from including a few representative figures should typical images and a summary table comparing the imaging modalities.



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the revue is complete and well composed. However, my question is that the clinicl application of the radiological tecniques suggested is very expensive and time-consuming. Therefore, i think that, as suggested by authors, the diagnosis of steatosis may be performed with US, and that the diagnosis of NASH is possible, in this moment, only with liver biopsy.