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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 7441-Review.docx).

Title: Bedside Ultrasound in the Diagnosis of Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD).

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

1. Format has been updated
2. Revisions have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer
 - a. The title was shortened to within the 12 word limit.
 - b. The abstract was revised to clearly summarize and focus on the main points of the manuscript. Citations were also removed from within the abstract.
 - c. An additional 6 journal references were used in this review
 - d. A detailed analysis was included on the lack of evidence behind using sonographic characteristics to define NAFLD stages.
 - e. Full names complement abbreviations.
 - f. A discussion paragraph was added to clearly summarize our conclusions about the use of ultrasound, its shortcomings, and future perspective.
 - g. A different ultrasound image was used where arrows point out aspects unique to NAFLD.
3. References and typesetting were corrected.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nancy Khov', written over a light gray rectangular background.

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