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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Good review. Accurate, comprehensive.



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This manuscript by Cui XW et al. summarizes and comments on the recently-published EFSUMB Guidelines and Recommendations on the Clinical Use of Ultrasound Elastography. This review article is well-written, and summarizes the topic systematically with sufficient number of references. I have only a few minor comments. 1. The authors adopted references mostly from the studies of Western countries. Thus, it is recommended that the authors add the studies from Asian countries for a balanced review. 2. Regarding the factors influencing liver elasticity in patients with chronic liver disease, it would be better to add more references on the influence of meal and respiration on liver elasticity (Page 4). 3. Recently, the usefulness of TE in patients with chronic hepatitis B has been proved in many studies from Asian countries including Hong Kong, South Korea, and China mainland. Thus, I strongly recommend that the authors add the results from these studies (Page 9). 4. Although EFSUMB guideline claim that the evidence is limited regarding the usefulness of TE for assessment of liver fibrosis in patients with other types of chronic liver disease (Page 10), there is an increasing number of evidence on the usefulness of TE in patients with chronic hepatitis B. Thus, EFSUMB guideline and recommendations on TE would require a revision in the near future, and it is recommended that the authors describe this issue briefly in the review.