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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Minor language polishing, in page 6,an immediate diagnosisand development of a plan of care at the initial visit. in page 7,line 8,and also identify those individuals and so on.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript "The Use of Bedside Ultrasound by the Clinician in the Diagnosis of Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD)" provides us an interesting and meaningful review on the use of bedside US in the diagnosis of NAFLD by clinicians. In this manuscript, the author summarized the sonographic features, advantages and limitations of bedside US in the diagnosis of NAFLD. Moreover, this manuscript represents the authors' meditation and exploration on this practical clinical problem. However, the number of reference items of this manuscript is only 21, obviously too small for a review, and there is lack of detailed analyses on the sonographic characteristics of NAFLD on its different stages.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript gives the current literature on the diagnostic accuracy of ultrasound and the utility of the bedside ultrasound in the practices of gastroenterologists and hepatologists. The authors also describe an algorithm that illustrates how ultrasound can be used to reduce the need for liver biopsy in the diagnosis of NAFLD. It provides an important non-invasive method to diagnose and screen NAFLD which means significantly to clinicians and patients. However, there are still some issues as follows: 1. Fig. 1 is directly quoted the same figure from their previous study (Riley et al., 2006, 51: 982-985.). If you have a new one, it is better to change. 2. Five characteristic sonographic findings for NAFLD (page 5, line 21st) need to be pointed out by arrow one by one in the figure. 3. Please complement the full name of some abbreviations at the first mention in this paper, such as "While the AASLD guidelines..." (page 3, line 7th). 4. Please correct some typos, such as "ofa plan ofcare..." (page 6, line 7th).

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript entitled "The Use of Bedside Ultrasound by the Clinician in the Diagnosis of Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD)" showed the use of ultrasound by the clinician in the diagnosis of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease. Although this is an interesting review, I have only a few minor comments: 1- The authors didn't adequately summarize and focused on the main points in the abstract section, which will only make the reader unclear. 2- The discussion section contains several paragraphs described the utility of ultrasound, but the authors also should summarize clearly their conclusions, their problem and specially their future perspective in the last paragraph. 3- The whole manuscript needs some revision with respect to writing style.