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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B (Very good)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript "Diagnostic and prognostic value of liver fibrosis markers in alcoholic liver disease" by Lech Chrostek, Anatol Panasiuk reviewed an important topic in the field of clinical hepatology. The authors just generally described the performance of the fibrosis markers in diagnosing and predicting alcoholic liver disease. The manuscript is well organized. It should be more informative if the authors could comparatively describe and discriminate the most useful biomarkers and then provide relatively clear conclusions.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well written succinct review of the rapidly evolving literature regarding the diagnostic and prognostic value of liver fibrosis markers in alcoholic liver. This topic has received considerable attention in the literature recently as it applies non-invasive tests and biochemical markers. The authors suggested that the patented biochemical biomarkers of fibrosis such as FibroTest, FibrometerA and Hepascore, have a high diagnostic power to identify fibrosis in alcoholic liver disease. Especially these biomarkers can predict survival and nonliver-related death in alcoholic liver disease better than liver biopsy. Frankly speaking, this manuscript seems less originality. However, the contents would give significant information. The language is generally good, apart from some grammar errors. Thus, I do not hesitate that this would be acceptable after a minor revision.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The topic is good but the provided data is confusing and not easily understand. Your title is nearly same with reference number 21. The abstract doesn't give the good conclusion of the review. All abbreviations need to be described before it was used, e.g: TIMP, MMP, PGA, PGAA, and so on. Section of "Diagnosis of fibrosis", sensitivity, specificity, predictive value of each test may be described through table, instead of confusing description in text. This section contains so many numbers, but does not reveal the usage in the clinical practice.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript summarized the data from non-invasive tests and biochemical markers for determining the stage and dynamics of liver fibrosis in alcohol liver disease to be replaced the invasive method. The information should be interesting for clinicians in the field if it has made more advance from the previous one (ref. 21). The abstract is quite conclusive, and the first part of the review is more informative. But, the data analysis in the later part is confusing. The text should be rearranged. Numerous figures and numbers could be better clarified by tables and put together in the comparative way to help easier understanding. The percentage in evaluation should be from a total of 100 populations (or sample).

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Please find below the report for the review titled "Diagnostic and prognostic value of liver fibrosis markers in alcoholic liver disease"

1. Organization and outlining of the text seems to be unclear, which causes confusion and difficulty to comprehend.
2. The paper contains some minor deficiencies in terms of semantics, grammar and mechanics of writing such as punctuation. As for the unity and coherence of a paragraph, it needs to be re-checked and re-designed.
3. Abbreviation 'PGA index, (ALD) alcoholic liver disease' should be written in full form when it is first mentioned.
4. This review is too long, which needs to be shortened.
5. As a reference, "Lieber CS, et al. Aspartate aminotransferase to platelet ratio index in patients with alcoholic liver fibrosis. Am J Gastroenterol. 2006; 101:1500-8" should be added and discussed
6. Long stringy sentences create confusion and need more attention to be understood.
7. Numerical values were often given in the text. Instead of this, more vivid message and clear information should be given to readers.

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This review has some limitations: 1. The review mainly listed the results of some references, but did not contain analysis and judgment from the authors. 2. The experimental study about liver fibrosis has some update and new serum biomarker may emerge from it. The authors may add relevant information into this review.