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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The paper makes original contribution The papers is well organized Author Guidelines has been followed properly in preparing the manuscript The paper is based on sound methodology Literature review is adequate Analysis and findings support objectives of the paper



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Madam/Sir, The MANUSCRIPT, titled "The role of liver biopsy in nonalcoholic fatty liver disease by ILKe Nalbantoglu, Elizabeth M. Brunt is an excellent review on a controversial area in fatty liver diseases. Thank you for the privilege to review the manuscript. The article is useful for a variety of readers-general hepatologists, pathologists to scientists interested in NAFLD. Minor comments: 1) Minor spelling mistakes. Example page13 last paragraph "toscoring" instead of "to scoring" 2) Page10. The third paragraph, second line is not clear to me "The intensity and distribution of the inflammation varies within the lobule; in fact, there may be such intense inflammation in zone 3, it may be confused with a portal area with an obscured duct. This can be especially true in the cases when an artery branch is readily appreciated". 3) Including some more description about some basic concepts (for example Portal Vs lobular inflammation and their importance) will make the essay more helpful to less specialized readers as well. 4) Page-11. What are periportal progenitor cells? How are they defined structurally or by protein markers? 5) Including pictures/additional pictures with explanation of pediatric NAFLD to explain what is mentioned in the text will be very useful for students/an average reader 6) NAFLD in octogenarians/ extremely old patients is an area of great curiosity. I am of the opinion that this an excellent paper, which is timely and suits the interest of the readers of WJG. It was a pleasure and privilege to review this manuscript submitted to WJG.



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This is a very good manuscript on a heavily debated topic. The structure is excellent and concise, containing information of the highest quality. The article can be useful both to clinicians and to other healthcare professionals that encounter the pathology in their everyday practice, and can serve as a concise reference guide. It may be of interest for some readers the addition of some conclusive thoughts on the role of liver biopsy in pediatric and adult NAFLD.