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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Exhaustive overview on noninvasive biomarkers in NAFLD. Only minor observations:  
-“ Noninvasive markers of fibrosis in NAFLD “ check typing errors -please, spell terms in full when used for the first time in the text



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The manuscript provides an excellent review about non invasive biomarkers of NAFLD, from those that are currently being used in the clinical practice to methods that are still challenging but emerge as powerful means to improve the management of patients in the near future. It would be of great use for both clinical and basic scientists communities.



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This is a very interesting and detailed review on a hot topic of hepatology as correctly outlined in the beginning of the manuscript. However, the plethora of information finally creates confusion to the reader (especially to the non-expert). To avoid this, I would suggest to reorganize the manuscript having in mind the following points: 1) focus on the best studied biomarkers/modules or those with the best performance. 2) Table 1 gives too many information to be of help to anyone. Think of simplifying it or dividing it to smaller ones. 3) avoid characterization of biomarkers based on their use in other liver diseases (e.g. HCV). The theme is just NAFLD. 4) make a clear separation of the performance of biomarkers/modules in adults and children. This could be done by gathering all ped info at the end of the manuscript.