

## ESPS PEER REVIEW REPORT

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting review article on alternatives to liver stiffness measurement (LSM) for assessing portal hypertension (PH) in cirrhosis. I think you have to change the title as currently, the gold standard for assessing PH is measurement of hepatic vein portal gradient (HVPG) and not LSM. This is not simply an issue of title rephrasing, as we do not have good enough alternatives to HVPG. Thus, you have to reorganize your paper to better reflect this lack of accurate methods. The addition of some tables or graphs would also enhance the readability of your work.