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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a good and pertinent review about a very up-to-date theme. Some suggestions are marked in the text.



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This review just summarizes the different procedures for the diagnosis of cirrhosis, but without detailing the pros and cons of each method. Furthermore, no information is given regarding physical exam and clinical features, which generally provide more information than a complicate and expensive procedure. On the other hand, ELF is the acronym for Enhanced Liver fibrosis, not European Liver fibrosis, as indicated.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a not very novel review of procedures to diagnosis cirrhosis without a biopsy. 1.The 5 page introduction can easily be condensed to 2 sentences. There is no need to explain that the presence of cirrhosis is a bad prognostic marker. 2. As it stands now, all of the discussed methods are very good to diagnose cirrhosis. If one uses platelet count alone and a clinical examination the suspicion for cirrhosis can easily and cost effectively be made. The real challenge is to diagnose and to differentiate F0-to F3. This aspect is not appropriately discussed throughout the very long manuscript. 3.The description of each method is good but the presentation of the results is boaring. It would be much better to condense the info on sensitivity and specificity (and all other relevant infos) in tables. Thereby the paper could be substantially shortened. 4.Why do the authors not discuss the predictive value of the various tests regarding response to antiviral therapy? or to survival? or to the occurrence of HCC? 5.Why do the authors not mention the impact of serial measurement of noninvasive tests over time to predict fibrosis progression?



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Sharma et al review the current methods and techniques for assessing liver fibrosis and cirrhosis. As these disease entitites are unmet medical needs and esp the need for precise and feasible non-invasive diagnostic and surveillane tools is very high, the manuscript is of interest to the readers of WJG. The authors give a comprehensive overview of various non-invasive techniques and evaluate their potential use and drawbacks. There are no major concerns against publication of the manuscript but is is recommended to summarize the described findings in a table and listing sensitivity, specificity, AUC and comments for the reviewed methods.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a comprehensive well structured review of non-invasive methods of assessing liver fibrosis across different etiologies of chronic liver diseases. This manuscript is very informative and discussion on advantages and limitations of current non-invasive methods is well balanced. I recommend to summarize the serological both direct and indirect biomarkers and imaging markers in a table. There is another imaging technique involving CT scan optic analysis (Romero--Gomez M et al Hepatology 2008) that should be included in the review.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The work by Sharma et al, describes an update on the different ways to diagnose liver fibrosis and cirrhosis. The review is well organized and has sufficient novelty. The absence of a systemic analysis of the balance between the different techniques in a scored plot is the main concern. I suggest the authors make an effort to establish a plot indicating the main advantages/concerns for each technique, based on the current data available in the literature and that the authors have analyzed in this review.