

## ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The review addresses the non-invasive assessment of liver fibrosis in chronic hepatitis C. Important aspects are addressed and clinical relevance is given. Comments 1. The "gray areas" of the FIB-4 test should be exactly described. 2. Liver biopsies are the gold standard to assess liver fibrosis. A short overview should be given concerning the different procedures in biopsy preparation including trichrome stainings and immunostainings. The different fibrosis scores in use should be discussed. 3. The pro-fibrotic factor TGF-beta should be addressed.

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A comprehensive, well-written, thoughtful paper putting today's evidence in clinical prespective