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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The paper deal with an interesting approach to CHB patients and liver damage and this approach, even if interesting, is not enough supported by a statistical analysis of a huge number of data. Notwithstanding, data are interesting and deserve publication.



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The data presented in the report are very suggestive of a new 'reformulation' of liver injury in CHB patients. In my opinion, the inclusion of new markers of necroinflammation may even reinforce the current data, since the present frame of statistical analysis is too limited to ensure the generalization of the proposal. I suggest DNA markers or inflammatory markers associated to other cell types as 'suggestive' of prognosis of CHB. Regarding the present data, please increase the size of the lettering in the figures and include the bars of statistical analysis on Fig 4