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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This study is very specific in case of noncommon problem - the combination between NAFLD and chronic hepatitis B infection. Previously, I did not meet such research, thus, just this fact is important to pay the attention for this work. The authors present and improve the new marker - TC/HDL-C which has not been widely used previously. Based on this study, I do not agree about the association of NAFLD with chronic hepatitis B, as the essential factor, but I totally agree with such new predictor of fatty liver disease development or occurrence. Thus, I recommend this article to the publication and hope to see more investigations especially with using elastography instead ultrasound, because it is not specific for the NAFLD detection when the fat cells are less than 30% in liver. Moreover, my advice is to include to the study fibrosis indexes, which are very necessary in chronic hepatitis B infection, and, accordingly, in NAFLD patients. Briefly, the work is excellent just in its idea.



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This is an interesting and well-written paper reporting novel findings. The methods are appropriate and the results are clearly presented. The discussion is balanced and the references complete and uptodate.