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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript reviews several non-invasive methods that can be used clinically to measure liver stiffness. This topic is highly relevant and important given the pervasiveness of liver disease, difficulty of accurate diagnosis, and drawbacks of biopsy-based approaches. Detailed methodological descriptions are provided for several elastography techniques. The manuscript would benefit from more direct comparison among each of these methods and their relative strengths and weaknesses, as they relate to each other and to biopsy-based diagnostic approaches. Enhanced emphasis on pediatric applications and implications, with comparisons to adult liver disease, would help this review stand out from others that have been published. These and other issues that should be addressed in a revised manuscript are detailed in the attached file.



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The theme presented in the manuscript is relevant in scientific community, extremely interesting, without publications about. One point that deserves more important attention is: the article has a title "Limitations and opportunities of Non-invasive liver stiffness measurement in children" and in discussion authors don't focus only in this population. Important to establish the objectives of article in the target population. About the construction of the paper could have an improvement to become more interesting for the letters. In my comments for the authors have appointments of each one.