

● **Reviewer #1:**

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: In this study, the authors aimed to evaluate the performance of CEUS LI-RADS combined with AFP serum levels in differentiating benign and malignant focal liver lesions in children. The title and the abstract are adequate. The introduction is strict and concise. The methods are well-described, and the Results are quite interesting and innovative. The Discussion is well-structured, and the Conclusions are supported by the data. References are appropriate. Lastly, the English Language quality of the overall manuscript is pretty good. In conclusion, although this study has several limitations and authors' findings should be confirmed by further studies, I believe that this article may be suitable for publication in the WJG.

● **Response to the reviewer #1:**

Thank you very much for your careful review and valuable comments.

● **Reviewer #2:**

Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: The study is interesting and the discussion is well developed. Undoubtedly, the difficulty in adapting the guidelines of adults to children is given by the lower incidence of HCC and compared to the main pediatric hepatic malignancy (HB) pathology. As suggested by the authors, the study has limitations, but the results are interesting. In the title it would be better to limit the use of abbreviations. In the abstract and in the core tip: avoid use of abbreviations. In the results, indicate the range of data shown instead of the mean. Recommendation: accept

● **Response to the reviewer #2:**

We thank the reviewer for raising the issue of improper use of abbreviations in the title, abstract and core tip. We checked the aforementioned parts and have given full spelling of the abbreviations accordingly. However, we have to use “CEUS LI-RADS” instead of “contrast enhanced ultrasound Liver Imaging Reporting and Data System” in the title due to the word limit.

As for the issue of adding the range of data, related information has been added in the revised manuscript.