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2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade B.

3 Academic norms and rules: No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search.

4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. No financial support was obtained for the study. The topic has not previously been published in the WJG. 5 Issues raised: (1) The "Author Contributions" section is missing. Please provide the author contributions; (2) The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor; (3) PMID and DOI numbers are missing in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout; (4) Please obtain permission for the use of picture(s). If an author of a submission is re-using a figure or figures published elsewhere, or that is copyrighted, the author must provide documentation that the previous publisher or copyright holder has given permission for the figure to be re-published; and correctly indicating the reference source and copyrights. For example, "Figure 1 Histopathological examination by hematoxylin-eosin staining (200 ×). A: Control group; B: Model group; C: Pioglitazone hydrochloride group; D: Chinese herbal medicine group. Citation: Yang JM, Sun Y, Wang M, Zhang XL, Zhang SJ, Gao YS, Chen L, Wu MY, Zhou L, Zhou YM, Wang Y, Zheng FJ, Li YH. Regulatory effect of a Chinese herbal medicine formula on non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. World J Gastroenterol 2019; 25(34): 5105-5119. Copyright ©The Author(s) 2019. Published by Baishideng Publishing Group Inc[6]". And please cite the reference source in the references list. If the author fails to properly cite the published or copyrighted picture(s) or table(s) as described above, he/she will be subject to withdrawal of the article from BPG publications and may even be held liable; and (5) The scientific quality can't meet the requirement of WJG.

6 Recommendation: Transferring to the WJH

Dear Editor, we have carefully read his comments, below the changes made to the paper.

We checked the self-cited references, now in the manuscript there are 3 self-cited references (less than 5%).

We have added the "Author Contributions" section as required.

The figures were prepared and arranged using Power Point as required.

Missing PMID and DOI have been added to the reference list

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Reviewer #1: I work with a highly relevant narrative review design. Approach the topics on the technique very concise and with a current and relevant scientific basis. Robust arguments for the implementation of liquid liver biopsy in the clinical routine.

Dear Reviewer, thank you for your comment. We are really pleased to hear that you found our work interesting. As you pointed out, it is a relatively new concept in the world of surgery, which could bring about changes in current clinical practice.