Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence of liver fibrosis and risk factors in a general population using non-invasive biomarkers (FibroTest)

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Reviewer: Valerio Nobili

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Despite the Authors arguments the fact that liver biopsy was only performed in a minority of discordant subjects (only 2% of patients underwent on histology evaluation) make this study vulnerable to criticism.
After deep evaluation this Reviewer think that more biopsied patients are necessary for upholding the Authors thesis

Minor comments
The references 18 and 26 even if quoted in the test were missing in the list

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests