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Title: Acoustic Radiation Force Impulse (ARFI) and Transient Elastography (TE) for evaluation of liver fibrosis in HIV-HCV co-infected patients

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Dear Editors,

We would like to submit our revised original research entitled “Acoustic Radiation Force Impulse (ARFI) and Transient Elastography (TE) for evaluation of liver fibrosis in HIV-HCV co-infected patients” for your consideration. We followed the last constructive remarks made by the editorial board.

As requested by the Associate Editor, the authors added, in a new revised manuscript:
- A Consent’ section in the manuscript after the Conclusions
- An Acknowledgements part
- Our ethics statement has been updated to include the specific name of hospital providing ethics approval.

We also improved the style of written English of our paper. As recommended by BMC, we used Edanz, to have the language in our manuscript edited by a native-English speaker with scientific expertise. (We attached TrackedCopy )

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This study showed promising results regarding non-invasive assessment of liver fibrosis with ARFI elastography in HIV-HCV patients providing a liver fibrosis staging similar to that obtained with transient elastography. Moreover this technique permits to perform in the same session, morphologic exam and fibrosis
assessment.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Dr Nora Frulio and co-authors