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This is a timely paper dealing with the possible microbe role in fatty liver development and possible progress of liver damage by disbiosis in the small intestine.

The definition of NASFLD accept some consumption of alcoholic beverages. This should be carefully evaluated in the anamnesis. This is a difficult task but it has to be mentioned and discussed.

Also the measurement of „disbiosis is difficult when intestinal fluid culture is not performed.

Also when clearance efficacy of the RES-System of the liver is not sufficient production of mediators by Kupffer cells and also by hepatocytes become measurable in the serum..

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As a clinician I must say that bacterial overgrowth in small intestine normally causes clinical symptoms

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