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Page 11 first line. I would suggest to replace "reliable" with "accurate".

I would change the title to a more explicit: Diagnostic accuracy of controlled attenuation parameter (CAP) as a non-invasive test for statosi in suspected non alcoholic fatty liver disease: a systematic review and metanalysis.

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