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Title: Rapid decline of noninvasive fibrosis index values in patients with hepatitis C receiving treatment with direct-acting antiviral agents

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The authors retrospectively analyzed the relationship between noninvasive parameters and biochemical markers in 395 CHC patients receiving DAAs therapy. Rapid decline of APRI and FIB-4 was observed within the first 2-4 weeks of treatment, which is consistent with the reduction of ALT and AST and the increased PLT.

The article lacks pathological evidence. ALT, AST, and PLT are necessary variables for calculating APRI and FIB-4. Synchronous changes in APRI/FIB-4 and ALT/AST/PLT are expected to be inevitable. The regression of liver inflammation needs pathological results.

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