Reviewer’s report

Title: Accuracy of real-time shear wave elastography in staging hepatic fibrosis: A meta-analysis

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General comment:


I think the authors should mention these papers and explain the differences with their own study and how the present paper could add some significant information to this topic.

Comments:

Abstract

line 7: "this study was to perform"; the purpose/the aim of this study was to perform?

Background

line 18: "the causes of this injury include the infection of liver virus..". I think it should be something like "the causes of this condition include the infection with hepatitis viruses, autoimmune diseases…."

Results:

Meta-analysis
line 50: what does it means that studies that reported F1 was considered inappropriate for meta-analysis? This studies was excluded from meta-analysis? (In this case this must be included among the exclusion criteria in "material and methods") Or only the data about the F1 stage was excluded from the meta analysis while the F2-F4 data was included?

Discussion:

last line: "studies with F0-F1 were not included due to unavailability". See the previous comment.

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