Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Giacomo Filonzi

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I am satisfied by the changes made in the text and by the exhaustive answers of the authors, whom I thank.

I would ask just some few minor corrections, if possibile:

Abstract, line 12: "this study was….to evaluate". A verb is apparently missing.

Materials and methods, page 2, line 53: "insufficient number of patients"; how many patients are the sufficient number? How much is the cut-off?

Results, page 1, line 50 "due to insufficient number of studies and number of patients": please specify the numbers of study and the numbers of patients available.

Discussion, page 5, line 29: "Also" should maybe be changed with "Although".

Same line, the words "with increased" are repeated 2 times.

Discussion, page 5, line 51: "Inefficient data availability": maybe "insufficient data availability" is better.

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