

**Supplementary Table 1.** The key research question and PICO

<b>Population</b>	Patients with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease accompanied by type 2 diabetes
<b>Index test</b>	Fibrosis-4 (FIB-4) index
<b>Comparison</b>	Liver histology
<b>Outcome</b>	Advanced fibrosis ( $\geq$ F3)

PICO, Population, Index Test, Comparison, and Outcome.