

# So called “Manufacturer’s” recommendations

- Only manufacturer’s recommendation is:
  - ➔ at least 10 valid measurements
- Other recommendations are from the literature
  - ➔ IQR/med < 30%
    - ✓ 1 paper in HCV patients [1] and a poster on multietiology only [2]
    - ✓ The impact of IQR/med depends on the fibrosis stage or LSM so the criteria is not applicable on the entire range of stiffness values
    - ✓ Both show that SR is not related to agreement between LSM and biopsy
    - ✓ **NB: increase of IQR/med → stiffness heterogeneity → fibrosis heterogeneity → increase risk of sampling error from biopsy → does not necessary mean that LSM is unreliable**
  - ➔ SR > 60%
    - ✓ Usually justified by [3] which does not demonstrate the added value
    - ✓ Shown to be unrelated to agreement between LSM and biopsy by [1-2]