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### RESPONSE TO EDITOR AND REVIEWERS

Dear Editor,

Thank you, and the reviewers, for the valuable comments as well as the constructive criticisms.

The following pages contain our itemized responses. Where necessary we have made appropriate changes in the text and highlighted them in red for ease of review/access. Hopefully, the changes we have made have improved the quality of the manuscript sufficiently to be acceptable to the Journal.

We look forward to your opinion on the revised m/s,

Yours sincerely,

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**REVIEWERS' COMMENTS TO AUTHOR****Reviewer: 1**

**Point 1:** In table 2, the references included are ref. 14, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50. It may be revise as 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 19, 20 and 20 etc.

**Response:** We have considered maintaining the current format of references because of they are mentioned at the end of the manuscript.

**Point 2:** Because it is not an original manuscript, it needs to add the source of the references at the bottom of Table 1 and 3.

**Response:** We have included the source of the references to tables 1 and 3.

**Reviewer: 2**

**Point 1:** I suggest to update the references on epidemiology of NAFLD (e.g. Masarone et al. Rev Recent Clin Trials. 2014). Is important also to highlight that, NAFLD is related to CVD mortality, not only for its association with metabolic features, but also for the inflammatory status related to hepatic fat accumulation and gut dysbiosis (e.g. Abenavoli et al. Ann Hepatol. 2013; Szabo and Petrasek. Nat Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2015).

**Response:** We have updated the references on the epidemiology of NAFLD and included the rest of the information suggested by the reviewer.

**Point 2:** A useful score to evaluate the CV risk in NAFLD patients, is represented by Framingham score. Please underline it (e.g. Lonardo et al. Expert Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2015).

**Response:** We have included this information in the manuscript.

**Point 3:** I suggest to report and analyze in the text the data and indication reported in the guidelines of the Council of the British Transplant Society (BTS) ON the management of NASH before and after liver transplantation (Gut. 2012).

**Response:** Thanks for the suggestion. We have included this reference and information about BTS guidelines.



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### **Reviewer: 3**

**Point 1:** English should be corrected.

**Response:** We have extensively edited the English language along the manuscript.

**Point 2:** In Table 3 authors should clarify the meaning of "-" or "+" (decreases? increases? not associated?).

**Response:** Thanks for the comment. We have included this information in Table 3.

### **Reviewer: 4**

**Point 1:** English is not sophisticated. There were some grammatical errors and typos.

**Response:** We have extensively edited the English language along the manuscript.