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Dear Editor, (No: **00003472**)

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Thank you for your suggestions. The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer.

**(1) Does this study include the patients with other liver diseases or gastrointestinal disease?**

Done. We excluded other liver diseases and gastrointestinal diseases in Line 140-144, Page 6.

**(2) There are several reports that demonstrate NAFLD is a predicting factor for T2DM. The author should show merits of the present study compared with other studies.**

Done. We increased the comparison with other documents, in Line 226-236, Page 8.

**(3) There are several errors in the text and the tables.**

We have moved the table to the back of the paper, and rewritten the parts of the text.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,



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Thank you for your suggestion. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer.

**(1) The Introduction is very long and there are considerable unnecessary contents in there. I would recommend condensing the Introduction.**

Done. We have concentrated and reduced the introduction.

**(2) The definition of NAFLD was not sufficiently mentioned in this study. It would be better if the authors add the sentence for detailed definition of NAFLD in the method section**

Done. We added a definition of NAFLD, in Line 153-160, Page 6-7 in methods section.

**(3) There are quite articles about the association between NAFLD and diabetes. Does this paper have novel and interesting findings which are different from previous studies?**

We have added the comparison with other documents, in Lines 227-237, Page 9,

**(4) The detailed information of "Chinese Adult Overweight and Obesity Prevention and Control Guidelines" which mentioned in discussion section should be listed in reference section.**

Done. We have added listed documents in the References in Line 391-393.

**(5) The authors did not provide the prevalence of other risk factors for diabetes in the patients with NAFLD. It would be more interesting to state about that**

Other risk factors for T2DM had been listed in table 2 of the highlighted areas.

**(6) There was no information about history of alcohol consumption. Were the alcoholics excluded in this study?**

We excluded alcoholics in this study. The details are in Line 144-145, Page 6.

**(7) The authors strongly emphasize their finding that risk of diabetes in NAFLD subjects is significantly higher than that in overweight and obese subjects. The fact that the conclusions were not based on a randomized comparison, the authors should really be much more careful with their conclusions.**

Thank you for your suggestion. We are all agree with you. We have changed the expression of the conclusion, and added the sentence "This conclusion needs more data to support" .

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A handwritten signature in Chinese characters, appearing to be '李强' (Li Qiang), written in black ink on a light grey background.

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