

## RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

### Reviewer Comment:

“Authors should mention also the link between critically-ill patients and NAFLD, the main obesity -linked illness, quoting a recent review , i.e., What about non-alcoholic fatty liver disease as a new criterion to define metabolic syndrome?World J Gastroenterol. 2013 Jun 14;19(22):3375-84.”

### Response:

The point is well taken. Both the metabolic syndrome as currently defined and NAFLD represent manifestations of insulin resistance, which may be important to take into account when considering how to approach glycemic management in an individual patient in the ICU. This has been incorporated into the section “Premorbid Diabetic Status” as follows:

“Such differences among diabetic and nondiabetic patients have raised the possibility that future glycemic control protocols for critically-ill patients will differ according to premorbid diabetic status, or other markers of insulin resistance, such as metabolic syndrome or non-alcoholic fatty liver disease”