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Re: Manuscript No. 57464

Dear Editor,

thank you for your letter and the possibility of resubmitting our revised manuscript titled "Shifting perspectives – interplay between NAFLD and insulin resistance in lean individuals" for consideration for publication in the *World Journal of Hepatology*.

We have carefully considered the reviewers' and editor's comments, and have revised the manuscript accordingly. The changes are marked **in red** in the revised manuscript. Below are the answers to the specific comments.

Reviewer#1:

Specific Comments to Authors: The study is a good review of nearly all studies relating NAFLD and mechanisms and outcomes in non-obese individuals (lean and overweight patients). The study is convenient for all readers interested in hepatic diseases. Major point 1) I would recommend the authors to re-examine the values (20% and 40%) as shown in the Core tips (pag. 3). At a first glance they seem to be exaggerated.

Thank You for Your suggestion to revise the data presented as % in the Core tips section. After thorough analysis we decided to change the sentence as follows "Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease is no longer considered solely an obesity-related disorder since non-obese individuals participate significantly in this entity", as it most accurately reflects the current knowledge on the subject.

Reviewer#2:

Specific Comments to Authors: This is a well written mini review with potential interest in the field.

We thank the reviewer for the positive remarks-

Science editor:

Issues raised: The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor.

We have prepared a Figure according to the requirements and we are submitting it as a separate file.

In conclusion, we thank the reviewers and editors for recognizing our work as a good scientific effort, as well as for the comments. We hope that the revised manuscript will meet the reviewers' requirements and be suitable for publication in the *World Journal of Hepatology*.

Thank you again for the privilege of submitting our work to *World Journal of Hepatology*.

Sincerely,

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