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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6054-revised review.doc).

Title: Risk of cardiovascular, cardiac and arrhythmic complications in patients with NAFLD

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of the reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

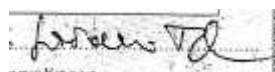
2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers.

- (1) As specifically requested by the reviewer 3, we have further emphasized in the manuscript that a clear understanding of the pathophysiological pathways that link NAFLD to the development of structural and arrhythmogenic cardiac complications remains lacking because of the complex and intertwined inter-relationships among NAFLD, visceral obesity and insulin resistance (please, see new paragraph highlighted in yellow at page 17 and 18).
- (2) As also requested by the same reviewer, we provided in the Introduction section more details about the review criteria and evidence acquisition (please, see new paragraph highlighted in yellow at page 3).

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,



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