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Covid-19 severity in obesity: metabolic dysfunction-associated fatty liver disease in the spotlight

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Dear editor,

I am glad to submit the revised version of the above-mentioned manuscript. In this new version, we added three new figures as requested by the reviewer and updated the COVID-19 number of cases and deaths worldwide. These modifications and the legends to the new figures are highlighted to facilitate the identification. We also provided, as requested, the conflict-of-interest form, the copyright, grant approvals, and a PowerPoint file with all the figures.

We believe that the suggestions made by them improved the message that we want to give to the readers of the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Looking forward to a reply at your convenience, I remain.

Yours sincerely,



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Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: The authors describe systematically the relationship between obesity and MAFLD and COVID-19, describe the preexisting patients who are more likely to be hospitalized as a result of COVID-19 and describe possible mechanisms between the two diseases. The manuscript has a good quality. However, it is suggested to add more figures to make the article more interesting.

Response: We are grateful for the opportunity to improve our manuscript with your valuable comments. In this new version of the manuscript, we added three new figures. We hope that the modifications in the text, which are highlighted to facilitate the identification, fulfill your request.