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Dear Editors-in-Chief,

Below please find a point-by-point response to the reviewers' comments on our manuscript entitled "**Clinical perspectives, assessment, and mechanisms of Metabolic Associated Fatty Liver Disease in Patients with COVID-19**" for its consideration for publication in World Journal of Gastroenterology.

This work is part of an invitation to submit a review article for the COVID-19 Special Issue of World Journal of Gastroenterology in 2021 (ID 04105237).

We declare that there are no reasons for deviations or any potential conflicts related to the nature of the manuscript. This manuscript has not been published previously and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. Also, we declare all included authors have read and approved the final version of the manuscript.

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We shall greatly appreciate all your help and efforts in considering our work. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. In case of acceptance of the manuscript the copyright is transferred to World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Best regards,

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Reviewer #1:

- 1) We appreciate your comments and suggestions to improve our manuscript.
 - a. 1.1. The expression was changed by i.e. instead of v.gr.
 - b. 1.2. This part was deleted.
 - c. 2.1. We combined figures 1,2 and 3 in one.
 - d. 2.2. Thank you for noting this typo, we changed the information to 20-29.9%.
 - e. 3. Thank you for the suggestion, we shortened this section in order to improve the focus of the paper into the rest of the manuscript. We believe this part would help to highlight the importance of some factors related to metabolic diseases (for example diabetes and obesity) and increase the awareness in clinical practice of the interaction obesity-diabetes-MAFLD and COVID-19. If this seems not adequate for the manuscript, we can delete this part.

Reviewer #2:

- 1) We deeply appreciate the comments of the reviewer and hope this manuscript raises new ideas for further studies.