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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I read with great interest this manuscript, Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor- γ coactivator-1 α rs8192678 affects the severity of hepatic histological features and NASH in patients with NAFLD. I commend the authors for a well designed study. I found the study interesting and important given the lack of clear data with this topic. In general, I find the manuscript well written. However, the abstracts makes its conclusions in a much strong fashion than the paper itself and i feel the conclusions should be softened due to the limitations the authors identify. The one aspect of the paper than needs more discussion is the role of the AA genotype. This is mentioned in a few sections that the AA genotype was not associated with NAFLD. given the small sample size an explanation of this relationship needs to be better described.