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Response to reviewers' comments (Minor revision)

- 1. Do not use the abbreviations when they first appear; for example, non-ceruloplasmin copper (NCC), etc.**

We have removed the abbreviations when they first appear, only when mentioned subsequently abbreviations are used

- 2. Please mention about the induction of metallothionein by zinc.**

We have added a note on mechanism of Zn in inducing metallothionein in the manuscript. The added lines are highlighted in the manuscript

- 3. See the following reference: Higuchi T, Moriyama M, Fukushima A, Matsumura H, Matsuoka S, Kanda T, Sugitani M, Tsunemi A, Ueno T, Fukuda N. Association of mRNA expression of iron metabolism-associated genes and progression of non-alcoholic steatohepatitis in rats. Oncotarget. 2018 May 25;9(40):26183-26194. doi: 10.18632/oncotarget.25488. eCollection 2018 May 25. PMID: 29899851**

Thanks for the suggestion. We have added this reference in the manuscript. The added segment is highlighted