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The Editors

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Dear Sirs,

We hereby submit the revised version of our submission titled “NAFLD, diabetes medications and blood pressure”.

Following the suggestions/comments of the Editors and the Reviewers we have made changes to the references.

We are also sending the Copyright Licence Agreement and the Conflict of Interest forms.

Sincerely Yours,

Dr I Ilias

#### Anon. Rev. #1

Specific Comments To Authors: This is a Letter to the Editor regarding the work by Fu et al., previously published in the World Journal of Diabetes. It is a concise and augmentative reflection on the paper by Fu, which emphasises the major messages and critically reflects potential biases. I would recommend it for publication.

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)  
Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)  
Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

#### Anon. Rev. #2

Specific Comments To Authors: This is a Letter to the Editor regarding the work by Fu et al., previously published in the World Journal of Diabetes. It is a concise and augmentative reflection on the paper by Fu, which emphasises the major messages and critically reflects potential biases. I would recommend it for publication.

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)  
Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)  
Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

#### Editor Rev.

1 Scientific quality: The manuscript is a Letter to the Editor regarding a previous meta-analysis published in WJD by Fu, ZD et al (WJD 2021, 12, 84-97). The Authors underline some methodological limitations of the study by Fu et al. However, they conclude that the cited study is clinically relevant, suggesting that new glucose-lowering agents contribute to reduce the severity of NAFLD, and that this, in turn, can lead to the cardioprotective effects of these drugs. The topic is within the scope of the WJG.

(1) Classification: Grade B.

(2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The letter is a concise and augmentative reflection on the paper by Fu et al. Major messages of the cited paper have been emphasized, and some potential biases have been critically discussed. Recommended for publication;

(3) Format: There are no tables nor figures. The format is adequate for a letter to Editor;

(4) References: A total of 7 references are cited, including 3 references published in the last 3 years;

(5) Self-cited references: There are 2 self-cited references (28%). The self-referencing rate should be less than 10%.

(6) References recommendations: The authors have the right to refuse to cite improper references recommended by the peer reviewer(s), especially those published by the peer reviewer(s) him/herself (themselves). If the authors find the peer reviewer(s) request for the authors to cite improper references published by him/herself (themselves), please send the peer reviewer's ID number to [editorialoffice@wjgnet.com](mailto:editorialoffice@wjgnet.com). The Editorial Office will close and remove the peer reviewer from the F6Publishing system immediately.

2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade A. A language editing certificate issued by AJE was provided.

3 Academic norms and rules: The Biostatistics Review Certificate was not necessary.

The signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and Copyright License Agreement are lacking.

The Institutional Review Board Approval Form is not necessary (Letter to Editor).

No academic misconduct was found by the Google/Bing search.

4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript.

The manuscript has no financial support. The topic has not previously been published in the WJD.

5. Issues raised: No issue to raise

6. Re-Review: Not required.

7. Recommendation: Conditional acceptance