



**PEER-REVIEW REPORT**

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**Manuscript NO:** 39934

**Title:** C-Peptide as an important risk factor of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD)

**Reviewer's code:** 01555255

**Reviewer's country:** Italy

**Science editor:** Xue-Jiao Wang

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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language	(High priority)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer's expertise on the
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not	language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision	topic of the manuscript:
publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advanced
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			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

- Title: i suggest to dele the acronym "NAFLD" from the text - Introduction section: references on epidemiology of NAFLD and its relationship with metabolic feature are not updated. Recently are been published many articles on these topic. I suggest also to improve this section, and to describe all the pathogenetic link between C-peptide and



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NAFLD - Results section: the description of the reported data is mandatory. - Discussion section: previous studies reported the same data of the present paper. In particular the relationship between C-peptide and NAFLD in non-diabetic patitens. What is the novelty here described?

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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The title could be refined to better reflect the content and signify the importance of the studied C-peptide in NAFLD and to stratify that the study was conducted on patients. The introduction, methodology, results and discussion are nicely written. The references could be better wrapped up to be a maximum of 40 references rather than 51.



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The tables should be self descriptive and the abbreviations fully expanded at the foot note.

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is an interesting study reporting novel findings regarding the association between c-peptide levels and NAFLD. The study population is large and the methods are adequate. The results are clearly presented and the discussion is well organized and balanced.



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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Major points 1. The authors should have mentioned the methods to determine the biochemical entities measured in the study. 2. It would be useful to include a short explanation of the logistic regression used to determine if MAFLD is associated with any predictor in univariate and multivariate levels. These statistical analysis could be



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