

Point-by-point responses

Dear Editor and Reviewers,

Thank you very much for reviewing our editorial entitled "Transition of acronym from NAFLD to MAFLD". Please find below the point-by-point responses to the issues raised by editor and reviewers in the peer review report and a description of the changes made in the editorial.

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (High priority)

Response: Thank you very much for your very positive comment.

Specific Comments to Authors: The author's brief report emphasizes the rename of NAFLD to MAFLD, which is a recent academic hotspot and should spread to more doctors. Renaming 'NAFLD' to 'MAFLD' is an important and critical issue. It is not only a semantic change, but also a deeper understanding of the disease. Recently, a consensus recommended 'metabolic (dysfunction) associated fatty liver disease' (MAFLD) as a more appropriate name to describe fatty liver disease associated with metabolic dysfunction, ultimately suggesting that the old acronym nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) should be abandoned. However, many papers on this topic have been published in 2021, and I suggest that authors should consider whether to cite these latest literatures.

Response: Thank you so much for your comment and suggestion. We have now cited a number of latest publications pertaining to the renaming of NAFLD to MAFLD in our draft (References: 9, 13, 14, 15).

EDITORIAL OFFICE'S COMMENTS

Authors must revise the manuscript according to the Editorial Office's comments and suggestions, which are listed below:

(1) Science editor:

1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes an editorial of the transition of acronym from NAFLD to MAFLD. The topic is within the scope of the WJH. (1) Classification: Grade A; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The authors emphasize the rename of NAFLD to MAFLD, which is a recent academic hotspot and should spread to more doctors. Renaming 'NAFLD' to 'MAFLD' is an important and critical issue. However, many papers on this topic have been published in 2021, the authors should consider to cite these latest literatures; and (3) Format: There are no tables and figures.

Response: Many thanks for your positive comments and suggestions. We have now cited a number of papers which have been published in 2021 (References: 9, 13, 14, 15). Moreover, we have included a table in the editorial.

(4) References: A total of 15 references are cited, including 9 references published in the last 3 years; (5) Self-cited references: There are 2 self-cited references. The self-referencing rates should be less than 10%. Please keep the reasonable self-citations that are closely related to the topic of the manuscript, and

remove other improper self-citations. If the authors fail to address the critical issue of self-citation, the editing process of this manuscript will be terminated; and (6) References recommend: The authors have the right to refuse to cite improper references recommended by peer reviewer(s), especially the references published by the peer reviewer(s) themselves. If the authors found the peer reviewer(s) request the authors to cite improper references published by themselves, please send the peer reviewer's ID number to the editorialoffice@wjgnet.com. The Editorial Office will close and remove the peer reviewer from the F6Publishing system immediately.

Response: Thank you very much for your suggestion. We have removed one self-cited reference. We have cited a total of 20 references, including 4 references published in 2021. Currently, there is only one self-cited reference which is less than 10% of total references.

2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade A.

Response: Thank you.

3 Academic norms and rules: No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search.

Response: Thank you.

4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. No financial support was obtained for the study. The topic has not previously been published in the WJH.

Response: Thank you for the comment.

5 Issues raised: The authors should add some figures or tables.

Response: Thank you for the suggestion. We have now included a table/figure in the editorial.

6 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

Response: Thank you very much for conditionally accepting our editorial for publication in your journal.

(2) Editorial office director:

(3) Company editor-in-chief: I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Hepatology, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. Before final acceptance, the author(s) must add a table/figure to the manuscript.

Response: We would like to express our sincere thanks for your positive comments. We have added a table in the manuscript as per your suggestion.