

REPLY TO EDITOR & REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

I send the revised manuscript in Word format (file name: 13721-edited.docx) and the separated figure files of Power Point format. I hope that the revised version meets with your approval and can be accepted for publication in *World Journal of Hepatology*.

Title: Transitions of histopathologic criteria for diagnosis of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease during the last three decades

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated.

2 Revisions (highlighted) have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers.

Reviewer 1

(1) NAFLD can be diagnosed clinically:

I agree this comment. A couple of sentences were rewritten, accordingly.
(page 4, line 21 – page 5, line 2)

(2) Differentiation between HCV-related steatosis and NAFLD:

This is a substantial point, too. A new paragraph was inserted for its discussion.
(page 6, lines 14-20)

(3) Cutoffs of alcohol consumption:

I recognize its importance. I added several sentences.
(page 4, lines 12-13; page 7, line 22 – page 8, line 2; page 10, lines 11-13)

Reviewer 2

(1) Comparisons between alcoholic and nonalcoholic fatty livers in pre-Ludwig era:

A new sentence was inserted to provide the relevant information. (page 5, lines 20-22)

(2) Achievements of early Japanese researchers:

To show them, I added two sentences. (page 7, lines 3-7)

3 Table and typesetting were corrected.

4 Additional pptx files were prepared for editing figures.

Thank you again for acknowledging the suitability of my manuscript for publication in the *World Journal of Hepatology*.

Sincerely yours,

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