

Response to Reviewers

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Dear Dr. Yu,

Enclosed please find our revised manuscript, by Novo-Veleiro *et al*, for consideration for publication in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*. The authors greatly appreciate the valuable critiques and comments of the Reviewers and the opportunity to revise our manuscript. We believe that the revisions based on their recommendations have improved the value and accuracy of our manuscript and we hope that you may consider it suitable for publication in your journal. We are sending a plain manuscript with accepted changes and a manuscript with tracked changes. A summary of the main changes introduced and the point-by-point answers to reviewers' comments are provided below.

1. Main changes introduced

- We have included two paragraphs
- We have changed the manuscript format and have included all the documents (language certificate, copyright transfer, etc.) required in the guidelines. We would like to inform you that, in order to check for plagiarism, we have submitted our manuscript to Turnitin Ephorus, instead of CrossCheck, due that the first tool is the one available from our institution.

2. Author's responses to reviewers' comments

RV: reviewers' comment

AA: authors' answer

Reviewer: 1

RV: I agree with all the points developed in this review. However, I did not find it comprehensive. Specifically, I would have a to know the opinion of the authors on the evaluation of the patients with both HCV and ALD. Do they recommend liver biopsy? What do they think of the use of non-invasive tests (such as elastography) in those patients?

AA: we appreciate the reviewer's suggestion and we have included a new paragraph which covers these points (page 11, paragraph 2).

Reviewer 2:

RV: Synergistic mechanisms that contribute to the progression hepatitis C virus infection and concomitant alcohol consumption should be developed (i.e. iron accumulation, steatosis induction).

AA: we thank the reviewer for this interesting suggestion and we have added a paragraph to analyze these mechanisms (page 7, paragraph 3).