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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5324-review.doc).

Title: The role of endoplasmic reticulum stress in the pathogenesis of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers. In the revised manuscript, major changes made to the text were in red so that they may be easily identified:

1 Format has been updated.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers.

(1) The English language has been polished by the professional English language editing company "American Journal Experts" with an editorial certificate (54FF-5829-D0B4-5DCB-9D56).

(2) In the revised manuscript, two figures indicating the ER stress signaling pathway and its roles during the development of hepatic steatosis and progression to NASH were added to the text.

(3) We have added a list of abbreviations in the manuscript for easy reference.

(4) We have settled on one presentation of abbreviations in the manuscript, with the names used first and the abbreviation following in parentheses.

(5) The role of ER stress in each stage of NAFLD was described in the conclusion. It was also shown in Figure 2.

(6) The "multiple-hits" theory of NAFLD was added to the second paragraph of introduction. Some notions of NAFLD were also revised in the manuscript according to the reviewer's suggestion.

(7) Figure 2 was placed in the main text (ER stress and NAFLD chapter).

(8) References and typesetting were corrected.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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