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### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

- Introduction section: The mechanisms involved in the occurrence of NAFLD and its progression are probably due to a metabolic profile expressed within the context of a genetic predisposition and is associated with a higher energy intake. Please update the references, in particular on the association between NAFLD and metabolic features (PMID: 27610012). The pathogenetic link between visceral fat and NAFLD has been reported in literature. In particular, adipokine level changes are closely associated with NAFLD onset and development (PMID: 24994581) - Methods section: i suggest to consider the tranient elastography cut-off reported in literature, to assess the severity of NAFLD (PMID: 22345333) - Discussion section: diet is a independent risk factor for NAFLD onset. Alimentary regimen as not considered in this study. I agree with the Author to not report this information the aims and study analysis. However i suggest to report this concept in this section (PMID: 31438482)