

## **The answers to reviewers comments as shown in the journal website**

### **Reviewer #1 (04054541)**

no comments(accepted)

### **Reviewer #2 (05208114)**

no comments(accepted)

### **Reviewer #3 (04054541)**

1. I believe that a revision of the English language is necessary accompanied by the correction of some oversights in the text that I list below?

#### **Answers**

**1. The manuscript was revised by native English speaker. The authors corrected the oversights in the text listed by the reviewer**

### **Reviewer #4 (01548345)**

1. Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease section needs to be compacted and concisely described?
2. In Section “Interactions between non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and COVID-19” needs to provide data between two diseases?
3. the mechanism between two diseases may have to describe more specifically?
4. the association between bacterial infections and NAFLD was relatively irrelative for this topic?
5. There are lots of typos and grammatical errors?
6. COVID-19 (Coronavirus disease-19) already included “disease” in this term. It would be better to delete ‘disease’ after this term?

#### **Answers**

- 1. Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease section became compacted and concisely described**
- 2. More evidences were added between COVID-19 and NAFLD in Section “Interactions between non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and COVID-19”**
- 3. the mechanism between two diseases is described more specifically**
- 4. Bacterial infection was removed**

**5. The manuscript was revised by native English speaker**

**6. The word disease was removed**

**Reviewer #5(00050195)**

- 1.The manuscript needs extensive revision by a native English speaker?
2. The authors should produce evidence to support their statement that NAFLD has a higher rate of infection of COVID compared to other populations?
3. In the abstract the authors state that obesity is a “silent epidemic”. We do not think that obesity is silent- it is visually obvious?
4. There is a new definition of fatty liver- metabolic predominant, alcohol-predominant and mixed - Eslam M Sanyal AJ, George J Gastroenterology 2020?
- 5.The authors refer to the metabolic syndrome but do not define it, and mention the different definitions for both N American/European patients compared to Asian patients?
6. The authors refer to the PNPLA3 polymorphism as a risk factor for recurrence of NAFLD after transplantation but it is a risk factor in itself and the prevalence varies in different populations- for instance it is higher in Hispanic Americans?
7. It is more accurate to refer to liver enzyme abnormalities instead of liver function abnormalities?

#### **Answers**

- 1. The manuscript was revised by native English speaker**
- 2.Evidence was provided to support the statement that NAFLD has a higher rate of infection of COVID compared to other populations**
- 3.The word silent was removed from the abstract**
- 4.MAFLD: A Consensus-Driven Proposed Nomenclature for Metabolic Associated Fatty Liver Disease(Eslam M Sanyal AJ, George J Gastroenterology 2020) was added to the manuscript**
- 5.The definition of metabolic syndrome is present in the text and added the different definitions for American, European patients compared to Asian patients**
- 6.PNPLA3 polymorphism was removed**
- 7. We added more evidences to liver enzyme abnormalities**

**\* PMID and DOI were added to all the references**