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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. The English need improvement since there are few grammatical and syntax errors in the manuscript (For example, the words “develop liver” may be as “develop a liver”; “severity” as “the severity”; “with fatty” as “with the fatty”; “presence” as “the presence”; “generation” as “the generation”; “only steatosis” as “the only steatosis”; “was positive correlation of” as “was a positive correlation between”; “with significant” as “with a significant”; “metabolic” as “the metabolic”; “6-fold” as “a 6-fold”; “which implies” as “which imply”; “severity” as “the severity”; “till date” as “to date”; “association” as “the association”). The grammar mistakes which are not mentioned here also to be checked and corrected properly. 2. There are some typing mistakes as well, and authors are advised to carefully proof-read the text (For example, the words “alcohol associated” may be as “alcohol-associated”; “drug induced” as “drug-induced”; “above mentioned” as “above-mentioned”; “angiotensin converting” as “angiotensin-converting”; “population based” as “population-based”; “community acquired” as “community-acquired”; “high risk” as “high-risk”; “scores as well as the presence of liver cirrhosis” as “scores, as well as the presence of liver cirrhosis,”; “so called” as “so-called”; “obesity ?” as “obesity?”; “cross talk” as “cross-talk”; “genome wide” as “genome-wide”; “evidence based” as “evidence-based”). The typos not mentioned here also to be checked and corrected properly. 3. Check the abbreviations throughout the manuscript and introduce the abbreviation when the full word appears the first time in the text and then use only the abbreviation (For example, metabolic associated fatty liver disease – MAFLD; IL-6; AST; ALT; nonalcoholic steatohepatitis – NASH; metabolic syndrome – MS; etc.). And it should be in both abstract as well as in the remaining part of the manuscript. 4. The authors are encouraged to include the database, search engines (like PubMed, ScienceDirect, Google scholar etc.), the



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