

Dear Editor,

Re: Resubmission of Ms. Manuscript NO: 69351

Please find attached a revised version of our manuscript “Skeletal muscle loss is associated with the risk of diabetes mellitus in Chinese middle-aged and elderly males with non-NAFLD”.

We appreciate you and the reviewers for your precious time in reviewing our paper and providing valuable comments. It was your valuable and insightful comments that led to possible improvements in the current version. We have carefully considered the comments and tried our best to address every one of them. We have also carefully double-checked the format of the whole manuscript according to the instructions of *World Journal of Diabetes*. We hope the manuscript after careful revisions meet standards of *World Journal of Diabetes*. Below we provide the point-by-point responses. All modifications in the manuscript have been highlighted in yellow.

#### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript is interesting for considering the association between DM and lower muscle mass and the text is well written.

1. Unfortunately, this is not a prospective study, so I recommend to temper the phrase "risk of diabetes". For example, you can demonstrate that "skeletal muscle loss is associated with the presence of diabetes" throughout the manuscript.

*Response: The full text has been corrected according to your instructions.*

2. The participants were enrolled in 2010-2012. If possible, the authors should demonstrate whether diabetes occurred after 10 years in non-diabetic sarcopenic persons in 2010-2012.

*Response: Thank you for pointing this out. Although we agree that this is an important*

*consideration, it cannot be analyzed in this manuscript due to the lack of these primary data. Therefore, we added the sentence: " Finally, this study was not able to collect/analyze current DM prevalence data for these patients with non-diabetic sarcopenia in 2010-2012." on page 14 of the limitations section.*

3. There are a few typographic errors. Please check carefully before the resubmission.

*Response: We carefully rechecked/corrected the grammar and English throughout the manuscript.*

4. It is a well-design study adding new information to the literature. Authors in a clear and simply way managed to give their results as well as the relative literature. I have no comments to make and in my opinion the article can be published unaltered.

*Response: We really appreciated your efforts on reviewing our manuscript.*

Please find attached the revised document.

Thank you very much for your review and inspired comments on our manuscript!

Best Regards,

Huandong Lin, on behalf of all authors