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Dear Editor,

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. Format has been updated

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

(1) The reviewer (02520511) suggested a few minor corrections. Accordingly, we have revised the manuscript and the changes are highlighted in red color.

(2) The reviewer (02520511) asked if we have reviewed the autopsy results published by Lavine et al.. As he mentioned, the paper studied pediatric population. We did not cover the paper in our review as we try to focus on adult population.

(3) The reviewers (00053727 and 01809219) suggested that we should discuss a few more genes such as IL-1beta, STAT3, HFE mutation, and SREBP-2 that may have possible roles in nonalcoholic fatty liver disease. We agree that there are many other genes that have been reported to be possibly associated with fatty liver disease. However, we try to focus on those that have been reported to be associated with racial disparities. As we mentioned in the manuscript, it is beyond the scope of this review to provide a detailed review of other genetic variants in NAFLD.

3. References and typesetting have been corrected

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

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