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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 7596-edited-revised.doc).

**Title: Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease and the heart in children and adolescents**

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

Reviewer # 02446158

References provided in tables 1 and 2 have been corrected.

Reviewer # 02524651

The photos' sources have been incorporated into the revised manuscript, in the legend to figure 2. Regarding tables 1, 2, and 3, we agree that they are large, but they contain the essential material which forms the basis of this review. We believe that if this basic information were to be included only in the on-line version, it would not be so conveniently "on-hand". If the Editor agrees, we would prefer to leave the tables in the main article.

Reviewer # 02729184

- The reviewer suggests including data questioning the relationship between NAFLD and the cardiac alterations in children and adolescents. As far as we know, all published clinical results even those with contrasting results have been already incorporated in the tables and text.
- As suggested by this reviewer, in the revised manuscript we have included a paragraph commenting on the most relevant genetic variants involved in the NAFLD pathogenesis (page 6 and 7 of new text).

Thank you again for considering our manuscript for the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,  
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