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Dear Dr Yu,

**Re: ESPS Manuscript NO: 26091 TOPIC HIGHLIGHT**

**Iron and Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease, Britton LJ *et al.***

The authors thank you for your request to submit a revision for this Topic Highlight. We have now addressed the reviewer's and editor's comments in the final document as outlined below.

**Reviewer's comments**

1. Punctuation marks: Page 3, last sentence of 2nd para in discussion, Page 4, first sentence of 4th para: periods missing.  
**Periods have been added to both sentences.**
2. Page 4, 3rd para, 2nd sentence ("...stress due TO the...").  
**The word "to" has been added.**
3. Page 6, last sentence: delete first part of the sentence ("After adjustment for multiple potential confounders...") as this is repeated in the next sentence.  
**This has been done as suggested.**

**Editor's comments**

1. We strongly encourage you add some Figures or/and Tables to your manuscript. Thank you!  
**Table 1 has been added to the document and summarises the published mechanistic explanations regarding the role of iron in NAFLD**

**pathogenesis. The authors feel that the abstract and often unrelated mechanisms do not lend themselves well to a figure and are better presented in tabular form. Table one is referred to in the main text in the last sentence, third paragraph, page 10 and the last sentence third paragraph, page 13.**

2. A copy of signed statement should be provided to the BPG in PDF format, which are necessary for final acceptance, Thank you!

**This has been submitted.**

3. In order to attract readers to read your full-text article, we request that the author make an audio file describing your final core tip, it is necessary for final acceptance. Please refer to Instruction to authors on our website or attached Format for detailed information.

**This has been submitted.**

In addition, three minor grammatical corrections have been made in the Core Tip, as highlighted.

Thank you for considering this revised submission for publication.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laurence Britton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr Laurence Britton