ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5108-final edits WJG.doc).

Title: NAFLD Prevalence Differs Among Hispanic Subgroups: The Multi- Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis (MESA)

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers. Revisions have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers below:

1. They defined significant alcohol consumption as >14 drinks/week in men and >7 drinks/week in women, but alcohol percentage of popular drinks in Hispanics of Mexican origin and that in non-Mexican origin may be different.
    We understand, however this was how alcohol was defined in the cohort. Care was taken during the surveys given to the patient to explain what the questions meant.
2. Did the authors compare triglyceride, HDL and HOMA levels between Hispanics of Mexican and non-Mexican origins with NAFLD? It is important to know if the characteristics of NAFLD are different between Mexican and non-Mexican origins or not.
    We understand and we made this comparison, please see table 6
3. Abstract (Results). MESA must be defined at their first mention in the abstract.
    This has been corrected.
4. Page 8, line 13. "…lower HDL and HOMA…" should be "…lower HDL and higher HOMA…".
    This has been corrected.
5. Page 9, line 8. "NALFD" should be "NAFLD".
    This has been corrected.
6. In Table 4, some data is inconsistent with the previous. Please check.
    This has been corrected.
7. To see if merging Tables 2, 3 and 4 that represents the data more clearly.
    We felt that one large table might have too much information and might be difficult for the readers to decipher.
8. How to select multiple regression parameters? Statistical software?
    *This has been corrected. The following sentence '*We included the variables that were significant with a p value of 0.20 or smaller on univariate analysis into our multivariate model of the entire population. All analyses were performed using Stata version 11.0 (StataCorp LP, College Station, Texas)." **Was added to the section Statistical Analysis on page 8.***

9. Table 1 "Mean ±SD" or "Mean ±SD or number (%)"?
    We left this as is because the variables with percentages are indicated in the table, for example Male gender (%)

References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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