



## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Authors in the Limitations section should put emphasises on the lack of determination of IL-16, which is the main cytokine involved in the so called chronic low-grade inflammation or meta inflammation of NAFLD/NASH, as evident in ....Front Immunol. 2020; 11: 769. Authors should clearly state in the Introduction section that the mechanisms underlying NAFLD/NASH are far from being clarified and the gut-liver axis is only a part of the pathogenesis of this disease, because of the complex, multidirectional pathophysiology involved in NAFLD as clearly evidenced in.. ..J. Clin. Med. 2020, 9(1), 15., Authors should put emphasis on the fact that the animal models do not completely mirror the human NAFLD/NASH, thus a note of caution in translating these results is mandatory, as evident in ....Nutrients. 2017 Oct; 9(10): 1072. Authors should present their data as means plus/minus SD and not SEM, because readers are interested in knowing the dispersion of values but not the price vision of the mean , due to the paucity of observations in each group, i.e., seven. Finally, authors should evidence in the Limitations section the modest sample size of each group of the study.



## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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Authors correctly answered comments