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JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF (ASSOCIATE EDITOR) COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dr. Trovato and colleagues have presented an revised version of their manuscript “Neglected lifestyles in non-alcoholic fatty liver disease”. The manuscript might be of interest for the readers of WJH; however, the authors did not respond adequately to the reviewers comments point by point in a rebuttal letter. They only claimed that “We changed the manuscript according to the reviewers’ suggestions. We added some recent reference mainly from WJG, itemized methods, shortened the text and refined and conceptualized discussion and conclusion, using few sentences as in the core tips and in the audio summary”. However a response letter to the reviewer’s comments is absolutely needed for further handling the manuscript. Also it is not clear whether the English spelling and grammar has been carefully checked by the authors and/or a native English speaker. Therefore, the authors are asked to provide an adequate rebuttalling letter.

Answer:

Thank you for your comments and we acknowledge the relevance of the reviewers’ suggestions.

“Rev 2441174 - I do not have substantial criticisms to the present publication. Despite minor flaws, I have read the manuscript with interest. Despite the observational nature of the work is research on large groups of patients which is a strong page manuscript. According to my opinion lacks a summary of the chapter discussion, which would improve the evaluated publication.

Rev 2936408 - First of all the title should be changed properly. Secondly, material and methods

section should be separated into patients/laboratory techniques/imaging techniques/statistics. Thirdly, the paper is too long. It should be shortened and many sentences should be omitted. More recent references should be added to manuscript. Moreover, some minor language errors should be corrected."

We are now rebutting, point by point, the main critical topics.

1) the title should be changed properly

Yes, we agree: instead of "neglected lifestyles" we are dealing with "neglected features of lifestyle": this is actually the focus of the study.

NEGLECTED FEATURES OF LIFESTYLE. THEIR RELEVANCE IN NAFLD

2) material and methods section should be separated into patients/laboratory techniques/imaging techniques/statistics.

Yes, we performed these changes, also following the detailed indications kindly provided by one of the reviewers.

3) the paper is too long

Yes. We abridged consistently the length of the manuscript, omitting several redundancy or unnecessary sentences.

4) More recent references should be added to manuscript.

Yes, thank you. We added few more recent pertinent references, addressing the need of a more comprehensive approach to the mechanisms of NAFLD, and among them:

Tanoglu A, Kara M. Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease-related cardiovascular risk: Is there an association with blood hemoglobin levels? Eur J Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2015; 27:1126-9

Kim MS, Ong M, Qu X. Optimal management for alcoholic liver disease: Conventional medications, natural therapy or combination? World J Gastroenterol 2016; 22: 8-23

5) The manuscript was reviewed again by a mother tongue professional translator, amending style and spelling drawbacks.