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This article provide an up-to-date information regarding the impact of gut microbiota on fatty liver disease, includes pathophysiologic and clinical component of the mentioned topic, gives prospectives for future investigations and has a great interest for basic scientists and clinicians



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1 Title. Does the title reflect the main subject/hypothesis of the manuscript? No. Please check the details in the comment section. 2 Abstract. Does the abstract summarize and reflect the work described in the manuscript? Yes 3 Key words. Do the key words reflect the focus of the manuscript? Yes 4 Background. Does the manuscript adequately describe the background, present status and significance of the study? Yes, but more details are necessary. Suggestions are made in the details comments section. 5 Methods. Does the manuscript describe methods (e.g., experiments, data analysis, surveys, and clinical trials, etc.) in adequate detail? Not applicable. Review. 6 Results. Are the research objectives achieved by the experiments used in this study? What are the contributions that the study has made for research progress in this field? Not applicable. Review. 7 Discussion. Does the manuscript interpret the findings adequately and appropriately, highlighting the key points concisely, clearly and logically? Are the findings and their applicability/relevance to the literature stated in a clear and definite manner? Is the discussion accurate and does it discuss the paper's scientific significance and/or relevance to clinical practice sufficiently? The discussion is suitable for this review article. 8 Illustrations and tables. Are the figures, diagrams and tables sufficient, good quality and appropriately illustrative of the paper contents? Do figures require labeling with arrows, asterisks etc., better legends? Good quality. 9 Biostatistics. Does the manuscript meet the requirements of biostatistics? Not applicable. 10 Units. Does the manuscript meet the requirements of use of SI units? Not applicable. 11 References. Does the manuscript cite appropriately the latest, important and authoritative references in the introduction and discussion sections? Does the author self-cite, omit, incorrectly cite and/or over-cite references? Yes, but some additions are needed. Please check the comment section. 12 Quality of manuscript organization and presentation. Is the



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also be mentioned briefly how alcohol damages liver. 4. Line 184: “ ‘anti-inflammatory activity’ bacteria” may be replaced with “bacteria carrying anti-inflammatory activity”. 5. Line 236: “Moreover, fungal infection increased the mortality rate in cirrhosis and alcoholic hepatitis patients”. How? Would the author like to propose any possible explanation? 6. The author must refer Figure 1 also for AFLD, and not just for NAFLD. It should be cited in the text. 7. Throughout the manuscript, the ‘Gram’ positive and ‘Gram’ negative bacteria have been mentioned as ‘gram’ positive and ‘gram’ negative bacteria. Gram must be in capital. 8. Line 395: “Although gut bacteria control bile acid metabolism, the involvement of intestinal bacteria or other gut microbes in bile acid dysregulation in fatty...” I did not understand what the author actually means by “intestinal bacteria” and by “other gut microbes”. 9. Line 424: “Recently, a Klebsiella pneumonia strain was identified in a NASH patient fecal sample and was responsible for producing endogenous ethanol and increasing the blood ethanol level without alcohol consumption”. Please add reference. 10. Throughout the manuscript both “microbiota” and “microbiome” have been used to refer the same thing. I recommend using the term “microbiota” to refer all microbes in a particular niche. The term “microbiome”, although often used for the same purpose, it actually means the genetic materials of all microbes. 11. I do not find the title appropriate. I request the author to give it a thought. A suggestion: significance of gut microbiota in alcoholic and non-alcoholic fatty liver diseases. 12. This is a single author paper and therefore “we” (eg. in the abstract) must be replaced with “I”.